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American Consulate Building Negotiations

If negotiations, in progress for the past year, are successful, the American Consulate-General will have its own building in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learns.

The Consulate building will be erected on the lot generally known as St. John's Place (Imperial Lot No. 500) opposite the Helena May Institute in Garden Road.

When completed, the American Consulate-General offices in the Hong Kong Bank building will be transferred there.

While declining to disclose the amount involved, a Government spokesman said yesterday that if the deal is approved the land will be paid for in accordance with the post-war agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom on wartime lend-lease.

"This means," explained the spokesman, "that the United Kingdom Government will place sterling at the disposal of the American Government for the purchase of land in Hong Kong."

The "China Mail" learned yesterday that a house, for the private residence of the Consul-General has been purchased on Shoumen Hill Road. Quarters for the Consulate staff will be provided in Kowloon.

Woman Bandit Leader

Conson, May 18. An alert and curfew have been in force in Taicheng (Tolshing), county seat of Tali-shan, about 100 miles south of Canton, the native land of thousands of Chinese. In the United States, Canada and Australia.

About 300 bandits said to be under the leadership of a woman are looting villages in Kulping county, 40 miles north-west of Tali-shan.

Several companies of government regulars have arrived in the area to cope with the outlaws.

Chinese press reports said the woman leader has her headquarters in the Hundred Thousand Mountain Range bordering on Kwangsi province and Indo-China. Last year she denied any political activity, insisting she had retired as a housewife.—Associated Press.

Labour "Revolution" At Perilous Stage

Scarborough, Yorkshire, May 18. Mr. Herbert Morrison, deputy Prime Minister, said today that the Labour Party's "peaceful revolution" was getting to a very perilous stage, at which previous revolutions had floundered — when ideals had been given the force of law.

At that stage he told delegates on the second day of the annual Labour Party conference, came the test whether these ideals would become a "living" reality or whether human imperfections would convert them into "just another bit of bureaucratic routine."

"We must remember that we cannot sit down on a revolution any more than we can sit down on bayonets," he said.

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JEWS CAPTURE ACRE Arabs Surrender Unconditionally Tel Aviv Raided By Arabs Again

Tel-Aviv, May 18. Jewish Army sources said the ancient all-Arab town of Acre surrendered unconditionally today after a 72-hour battle.

Haganah said earlier it had some 4,000 Arabs trapped in the old walled city eight miles north of the Jewish port of Haifa. Acre is just outside the area of Palestine designated as Jewish under the United Nations partition plan.

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The intention of King Abdullah and his Arab Legion forces from Transjordan are more obscure to the Jews. To date Abdullah has kept his Legion entirely in areas earmarked for the Arab state in the United Nations partition plan.

Reports persist that Abdullah and the Israeli Government are conducting secret talks for an understanding. These reports cannot be confirmed.

Meanwhile, Abdullah is taking over Arab areas.

Some observers believe Abdullah will wait until the Jews swing their forces south to meet the Egyptian advance and then the Arabs will march through to the coast cutting the Jewish state in half.

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They could be identified himself as an Egyptian Air Force pilot officer. In the first raids on Saturday the Jews also claimed capture of an Egyptian pilot.

More than 3,000 British troops and Palestine police boarded the 11,000-ton troopship Empress of Australia at Haifa today as Britain stepped up the withdrawal of her remaining forces from the Holy Land.

The transport is scheduled to sail tonight.

Many of those boarding the troopship today were reported to have been evacuated from Jerusalem.

Troops from six of the seven tribes which make up the Arab League are fighting in the war against the Jews in Palestine, it was disclosed today.

Draft Warning

The earlier disclosure that Saudi Arabian troops were engaged in operations in the Holy Land came with the release of telegrams exchanged between King Farouk of Egypt and King Abdul of Saudi Arabia.

No mention was made of the strength of the Saudi Arabian troops or the exact area in which they were operating. It was presumed, however, that they were fighting alongside the Egyptian troops driving northward.

Jews Use Mortars

Other Transjordan regulars held Columbia-Jericho at a distance six miles north of Jerusalem.

Reports said the Jews are using three-inch mortars against the Arab quarter of Jerusalem and are attacking the Latrun police post on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road.

The Jews are reported to be trying desperately to break the Arab blockade which has cut off Jerusalem from the Jewish coastal area. Their raid on Latrun was described as heavy.

On the southern front the Egyptians have occupied the new settlements of Delkhun and Afar Dairan near Gaza and Al el Minar. The Egyptian Air Force bombed Bel-Horun ten kilometers north of Gaza and Eynya near Jaffa. Egyptian planes also bombed Tel-Aviv's electric plant and airforce.

On the northern front Syrian regulars have captured the quarantine hospital on the hill near Samakh which they captured earlier on the northern end of the Sea of Galilee.

Jews destroyed bridges near Zib, north of Acre, to prevent the Lebanese Army from advancing. Jews also occupied Kfar Birim and Salha, north Palestine, a few miles from the Lebanon frontier town of Bint-Jebel.—United Press and Associated Press.

Chinese Celebrate Tomorrow

Mass meetings, processions, banquets at Chinese restaurants and elaborate fireworks display at the McPherson Playground, organised by local Chinese officials and private organisations, are on tomorrow's programme for celebrating the induction into office of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Li Tsung-ien as China's first constitutional President and Vice-President.

The mass meetings will be held on the McPherson and Southern Playgrounds, while the processions will be on both the mainland and island.

All Chinese offices and schools will be closed for the day. Chinese labour and trade unions have declared tomorrow a holiday.

Rio De Janeiro, May 18. Angus S. Mitchell, of Melbourne, Australia, was elected President of Rotary International at a plenary session of the organization's thirty-ninth convention to-day.—United Press.

Real Offer' Wallace Says

San Francisco, May 17. Mr. Henry Wallace today said that Generalissimo Josef Stalin's response to his "open letter" was a real offer by Russia "to sit down and find a way to end the cold war."

Speaking in a radio broadcast, Mr. Wallace said Stalin's comment that the "open letter" was the "most important document" for international peace actually was not addressed to the Third Party Presidential candidate himself.

"This is a statement by the Premier of Russia to the people of the United States. It is a real, definitive offer by Russia to sit down and discuss our difference to find a way and means of ending the cold war."

Mr. Wallace spoke extemporaneously. He had been broadcasting on the Sidney Roger programme over radio station KGO when the bulletin on Stalin's statement was handed him at the microphone.

In a voice quivering with emotion, Mr. Wallace said he was "overwhelmed."—United Press.

Wallace, who is a member of the Communist Party, has been

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Getting Into Trim



CHINESE CHAMBER ELECTION INJUNCTION MANOEUVRE FAILS

An application by seven Committee members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for an interim injunction to restrain the Chamber from holding its annual election of a new Committee today, and from proceeding to the election of 20 Supervisors in connection with the elections, was refused yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

The application was brought by Messrs. Lui Yam-shuen, Hsu Chi-liang, Lam Hau-tak, Tsui Ching-yan, Chiu Yiu-wah, Yung Sal-fong and Chu Sal-cheung, who were cited as plaintiffs and who were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam.

The proper procedure to be adopted would be to call a meeting and to pass a resolution for the alteration of Article 32A. It was beyond contention that the election would be against Article 32A. He asked for an order in terms returnable at any date to enable the defendants to traverse the matter if they wished.

Not In Favour

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, defendants, were not represented.

Mr. Sheldon said that the application was brought under section 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure and was supported by two affidavits, one of which was by Hsu Chi-liang. After reading the contents of the affidavit by Hsu, Mr. Sheldon submitted that there had been a plain breach of Article 32A of the Articles of Association, which provided that the election of Members of the Committee and Supervisory Committee take place before the end of April in each year. The election proposed to be held was, therefore, against the Articles.

The defendants could come in and state their case in the ordinary way and if the Court should then hold that there was no authority for the holding of the election, then the Chamber would be washed out.

Finally, Mr. Justice Williams said that he did not think that irreparable damage would be caused by allowing the Committee to be elected.

This ended, for a time, the first of the legal tussles between the Progressives and the Conservatives in the Chamber.

The latter have, through the Chamber's legal adviser, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., briefed the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., to be their legal protagonists in the coming duel.

The stage was all set yesterday for holding the big meeting of the Chamber this afternoon at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point, at which the new General Committee will be elected to serve during the coming year, and from whose posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be filled.

Today's black-market United States dollar and gold quotations were: CN\$1,170,000 per American dollar and CN\$45,000,000 per ounce of gold bar.—Reuter.

Crane Capsized In Mid-Ocean But Towed To HK

Moller's (Hong Kong) Limited ocean tug "Caroline Moller" arrived at Hong Kong from Manila yesterday with a capsized 30-ton floating crane and a small tanker in tow.

The crane overturned five days ago in choppy sea. It is believed that flooding of buoyancy compartments on one side

was responsible for it capsizing.

Speed was reduced by the drag to practically nil but the tow proceeded.

The Caroline Moller anchored off Green Island yesterday morning and handed the crane over to Marine Department tugs.

A diver inspected the crane and reported it intact. It is believed an attempt will be made to right the crane by towing it into shallow water and pumping out the compartments. The tall derrick is dismantled and laid flat.

Both tanker, with a displacement of about 200 tons, and crane, it is understood, are for use by Moller's.

These vessels were the last of a group to be brought from Manila.

At the end of this month, it is believed, the Caroline Moller will leave Hong Kong for Saigon with an Admiralty lifting craft in tow.

From Saigon it will proceed to Singapore and, there pick up a tow for Shanghai. It will return from Shanghai later.

Korean Industry Curtailed

Seoul, May 18.

Some South Korean industries were directed today to curtail operations because of the power shortage caused by pulling of switches in Russian-occupied North Korea.

Major-General C. G. Helmick of the U.S. Military Government said a staggered schedule of power use will be followed to level out consumption peaks. A preliminary survey showed essential industries are not yet greatly handicapped.

South Koreans' own power production has increased since the Communist-dominated North Korea People's Committee cut off the supply from hydroelectric plants in the Soviet zone.

U.S. occupation authorities called the act "political and Moscow-directed." It followed the May 10 election in the south.—Associated Press.

The Weather

The anticyclone over N. China is spreading slowly E as the depression of E coast of Honshu moved away to the NE. At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. local time) the typhoon was centred about 100 miles NW of Guanagamen island, probably N.W. of Naha, Okinawa—10 hours.

There is little pressure gradient over Island, the South China Sea, and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E winds becoming cloudy towards dawn, not soon improving to fair or fine.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 82.0 deg. F.

Minimum: 78.2 deg. F.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—800.0 mm.—11.48 in. at an average of 450.8 mm.—17.75 in.

Bar. at m.s.t.: 1018.6 1011.0 mb.

Rel. Humidity: 75 82.5% inches

Wind Direction: N E

Wind Force: 16 11 knots

Wave: 0.09 m.

Cloud: 8.7

Low: 0.09 m.

(All the above times are H.K. Standard Time.)

Announcement

International Chemicals Ltd. has been incorporated as a limited company as from January 9, 1948.

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Managing Director.

WILL NOT CALL AT DAMASCUS

Owing to the political situation in the Middle East, there is a possibility of Pan-American World Airways' London-bound plane leaving on Friday, not touching at Damascus.

Pan-American has already advised their passengers to this effect.

The plane, leaving on Friday at 2 p.m. normally touches at Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul and London en route to New York.

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Bill To Abolish Typhoons

Manila, May 18. Representatives has passed the

Anti-typhoon bill.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Francisco Perfecto,

sets up a typhoon commission to find a way to abolish

typhoons, which cause millions of dollars' damage each year

in the Philippines.

Long Trial Of Jap Admiral And Associates Will End Today

The four-month long trial of Admiral Takara Susumu and 16 of his Hainan Prisoners of War Camp associates before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court at Kowloon City will close today.

After the end of the cross-examination of the last accused by the prosecution, a two-week recess will be held for the preparation of the closing addresses of the prosecution and defence.

The last accused, "Gordon Coventry" Shigetada Otsuki entered the box yesterday and will be cross-examined by Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div., SCAP (GHQ), Tokyo, today.

Accused, charged together with his superiors with the ill-treatment of 233 Australian and 237 Dutch POWs in the Hainan POW Camp and causing the death of some 150 prisoners, denied yesterday his alleged "kicking and beating" of Corporal J. Benby while he was guarding the prisoners.

Otsuki, a naval constable, who gained the nickname because of his football prowess, told the four-man tribunal that his foot was caught in a tank-trap before he arrived at the camp and he was then in "no condition to kick people".

When he was guarding the POWs, his commander told him that, being a new recruit he should not carry a rifle but signal flags. Accused said he did so and went to a railway crossing to keep watch over the working POWs.

Waved Flag

On one occasion he noticed a locomotive approaching from the direction of the harbour while he was on guard. Otsuki said he waved a red flag to stop the oncoming train because there were prisoners working on the line. The train did not stop.

Accused said he waved to the prisoners to retreat, but the POWs misunderstood his intention and instead worked harder.

The train, meanwhile, still kept on coming. Accused said he then rushed to the POWs and pushed them off the lines with the handle of his flag. That action to clear the POWs off the line for their safety was the alleged "beating and kicking of the prisoner" accused asserted. When the POWs saw the train they ran off the line themselves, Otsuki said.

The driver saw the flag as he got nearer and stopped, he added. When guarding the prisoners, accused said, he never made them work during recess hours.

"We escorts are the lowest rank of men used and there is a slight similarity in our position to that of the POWs," Otsuki told the Court.

The Court, comprising Lt.-Col. H. G. Quinn, DSO, ED, (President), Lt.-Col. T. Brock (Judge Advocate), Major N. McLeod and Lieut. R. Carter, adjourned proceedings to today at 9 a.m.

Another Trial

During the two-week recess another war crimes trial against three Japanese officials will be held in the same court in Kowloon City.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div., (SCAP) GHQ, Tokyo, will prosecute. The Court will consist of Lt.-Col. F. Pullen (President), with Major J. K. Lloyd, Major N. F. Quinton and Capt. M. Timbale as members.

Accused, who will be represented by a Japanese barrister-at-law with Capt. J. Wogan-Brown, Biffs, acting as Advisory Officer, are Naval Lieut. Minjaro Sagisima, Chief Petty Officer Kenzo Hoya and Shosuke Kohama, a civilian administrator attached to the Naval South Seas Staff.

The three are charged with the murder of the Rev. Leonard Kempf of Dobo, on Arco Island on Feb. 5, 1944.

Another court martial of Japanese alleged war criminals is expected to come up during the recess.

Mackintosh Application Hearing

Personalia

Among passengers by C.P.A. planes were L.G. Day, D. Betchelder, Mrs. M.G. Muskett, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Levkovich, S. H. de Kowntz, W. Aboud, W.H. Hilton and P.A. van Agnew (to Sydney); D.O. Wedel, Mr. and Mrs. Hul-Brown, Mr. and Mrs. K.C.R. Bates and A.E. Ablong (from Bangkok); W. Mackereth (to Manila) and Mrs. P. Rojan (to Singapore).

The Government has issued the following letter of appreciation to Mr. R.C. Lee for his services as Rice Controller:

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you my very warm thanks for your most valuable services to the Colony as Rice Controller, during the past 2 years. His Excellency is aware that it has been at considerable cost to you on behalf of these important public responsibilities, which you have discharged with such notable ability and success.

You have placed the community deeply in your debt, the services of your services have throughout been given in a voluntary capacity.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(s.d.) D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Colonial Secretary.

R.C. Lee, Esq.,
The Lee Hyatt Estate Co. Ltd.,
Alexandra Building, Hong Kong.

Mr. Rees Williams accompanied by Mrs. Rees Williams visited Hong Kong stand at the British Industries Fair on May 18. They admired numerous examples of the Colony's industries. Silk and cotton fabrics attracted much attention, also rubber boots and shoes, needles, hats, and ginger, and many attractive ornaments.

Arrivals from Singapore on Monday by BOAC flying-boat were Mr. Moe Aronstein, Mrs. Eu Kong-yuet, Miss Yuk, Master W. Eu, Mr. Lionel Mol Soen, Mr. Annie Tan, Master Lim Tach-sian, Miss Tjeng Fook-lyn, Master Cedric Eu, Mr. Charles Choy, Mr. J. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ah-fou, Mr. Jones and Mr. Harmon.

Departures on Monday for Singapore by BOAC flying-boat were Mr. H.H. Grawobsky, Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Bonnerman, Mr. R. Rutherford, Mr. Yol Wing, Miss Hip Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Menezier, Miss K. F. Menezier, Rev. P. O'Connor, Mrs. Leong Tai-yin, Mr. Lee Sze-yuen, Lt.-Col. K. E. Millar and Mr. W. Orwin.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—K.J. Marshall, Mrs. H. Lovgreen, Mrs. D.G. Old, Mr. and Mrs. A. Owen, Mrs. D.K. Shipton and Mr. and Mrs. R.H. McKenzie.

Peninsula departures:—Mr. and Mrs. H.W.G. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. H. Henfield, H.W. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. M.G. St. Walsh, Capt. and Mrs. A.D. Tait, J.S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. R. Preau, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Webb, Dr. D.M. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. W.C.G. Clifford.

The food and fuel costs for the week ending May 15 issued by the Labour Office, were as follows:

Rice and Flour .. 7.2 \$ 5.1000

Vegetables .. 1.2 2.0000

Salt Cabbage .. 2 2.0000

Oil .. .7 1.6750

Tea .. .2 5.0000

Salt Fish .. .2 0.7350

Fish .. .4 0.8450

Pork .. .3 0.7650

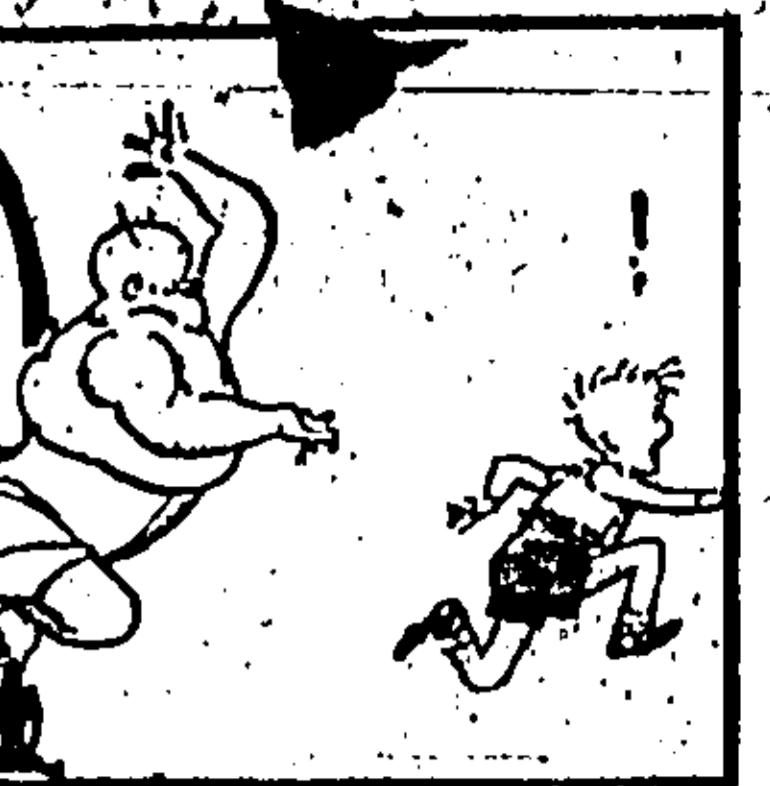
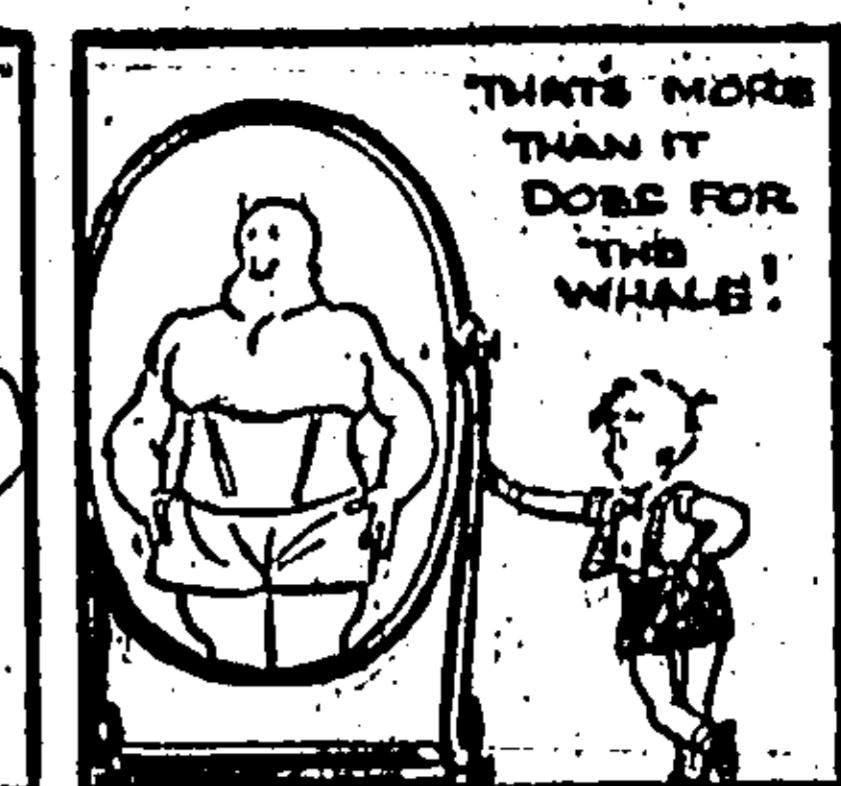
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Readers' Letters

Important Issues

Sir.—Two important, but obviously neglected, issues were raised in your leader on N.T. Episodes and in Mr. H.G.W. Wood's article on Four Who Did Not Come Back (Sunday Herald, May 10).

Since the Liberation those who followed the ideology of Karl Marx and Josef Stalin have found Hong Kong an excellent base. There are good and real reasons for them, some of them very honourable. So long as the Kremlin has not yet regarded Downing Street and the British Empire and Commonwealth as bad, as aggressive and as imperialistic as they were considered twenty-five years ago, these democrats and liberals, who never disagreed with Moscow's purges and oppression of opposition cliques and non-Marxist front men, would not disapprove of the Colony's way of administration.

Once Comrade Molotov blamed Bevin, who is really more proletarian by looks and by origin than the Russian premier and apostle, as anti-democratic, England and all she stands for would be condemned here as if a verdict of the Soviet Supreme Court has been pronounced.

Opponents contend that their tenancy was not terminable on one month's notice.

Mainly because of the attempted control of thought by the Kuomintang and the failure of Hong Kong's educational policy and propaganda to keep up with time, vernacular schools and bookshops are full of stuff glorifying nothing but Bolshevism and anti-Americanism.

Added to such abnormality is the popularity of Russian films in which distinct anti-Anglo-Saxon ideals are incorporated.

The running away to Shumchun of twelve boys and the hanging of portraits of Lenin and Stalin in Chinese schools here as pointed out by you are the natural consequence of such education.

Unequal distribution of wealth and severe hardships sustained from the results of China's economic blockade are probably other factors that led to the exodus of youths and disappointed mature persons here in Hong Kong to seek Utopia among the Red Stars.

Mr. Woodhead raised another question—the constant disregard by China's de jure government of Hong Kong's jurisdiction and the silence of the Colony has been very strange and detrimental.

Another, almost unknown all over the world, published in the vernacular press, is that the alleged seizure of 19 pounds of opium bars at Shumchun by the Chinese Maritime Customs actual last week place at Sheungshui.

Racial discrimination is still in existence to a certain extent and discouraging cooperation. Mr. Woodhead's thesis was in fact pointed out sometime ago by your correspondent "An Ex-Kuomintang." As he was a Chinese, very little attention was paid to him by "Hwa Shing Pao."

Portuguese Literature

Mr. Salinas de Moura, a senior official of the Portuguese Treasury Service, last night gave a lecture entitled "The Romance of Portuguese Colonial Literature," to members of the Portuguese Institute in the Club Lusitano.

Dr. Rodrigues, Chairman of the Institute, introduced the speaker and said that Mr. de Moura is a prominent writer who has contributed to newspapers and magazines in Portugal and the Colonies on literary and other subjects.

C. L. LING

"Might Be A Bit Sour"

To the Unknown Briton.—I read your article in the "Sunday Herald," and was rather in a strait to know whether you could possibly really feel or think others would feel this way or if you might just be a bit sour on the world in general.

Now, first let me tell you I am an American Mother holding three gold stars, having two boys and a girl who gave their lives in this last war. All were enlisted and two died on your English soil and lie there now. The other out in the Pacific Waters—somewhere I have a nephew lying in Bilbao where he fell—two nieces serve as nurses but came home.

In World War I, my husband and two brothers went to the front and fought in France. One brother did not return but one came back shellshocked.

Now I am proud of that family's service. We felt we needed to help and we gave. I want you to know there are not only Smiths, Browns and Robinsons, but—GI Joe's and Nurses and Air Corps blood coming from the ground on your soils as well as others.

We never have felt that we keep the peace of the world and never will, because you in Britain, nor we in America, cannot bring peace, only The Son of the Living God can do that. You, as well as we, have and will make a mess of things unless we let Him do the job.

Yours, you have been called greedy oppressors but we know from past experience, that we will be treated likewise and have been in the past too, so what does that matter if we can face Him who knows the very intent of every heart.

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Reminders

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General Meeting, H.K. Stage Club, at Missions to Seamen, 8.30 p.m.

General Committee election, H.K. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

Guest, Morning, Flag, Whist, Ladies' Section, European Y.M.C.A., 10 a.m.

Tee H Club, screening of film on Blood Transfusion, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Y's Men Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Chinese Native Dances by Workers' Children Schools, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Annual General Meeting of V.D.M.A., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.

Reunion Party Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Union Assurance Society of Canton, annual general meeting, Union Bldg., 11.30 a.m.



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FEAT INC. CLAIM EXCESSIVE DAMAGES AWARDED AGAINST IT

Judgment was reserved yesterday by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Appeal Judge), on an appeal by the Far Eastern Air Transport Inc. appellants, against the quantum of damages awarded to the Hong Kong and Canton Export Co., Ltd., respondents, in an action for breach of contract.

It was contended by appellants that the sum of \$145,000 awarded to respondents as damages by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), on Mar. 8, 1948, was excessive.

The Hon. Mr. Lee d'Almada, C. Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Zimmern of Messrs. F. Zimmern & Co., appeared for the appellants.

The respondents were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings & Co.

The contract under which the respondents claimed damages was dated January 1, 1947, under which appellants employed respondents as their sole agents in Hong Kong for transacting their air transport business here and also for performing various other services for appellants. Under the terms of the contract, respondents' employment should have continued until December 31, 1947, and that by way of remuneration and salary, respondents should have received five per cent of the gross receipts on passenger and freight service. Respondents claimed that in breach of the contract, appellants in or about May, 1947, sold their business and ceased to employ them.

In a statement of defence which was filed, appellants denied that they were in breach of the contract or that they had sold their business. They admitted that

Told The Wrong Story

His "story" cost a 32-year-old hawker \$200 more after being arrested and charged with hawking without a licence and obstruction last Sunday morning.

Yu Hon was fined \$60 on the first count and \$200 for giving false information to the police. He was cautioned on the obstruction charge.

Yu was arrested for hawking without a licence and obstruction in Tung Chui Street near Bute Street. At the station he informed the Inspector in charge that a Chinese had asked him for 20 cents for the "Kung Sze Yam" (Crown man), whom he did not identify.

Yu said that the collector usually came to the stall between 8 and 9 a.m. Defendant was given back his wares and police observation kept for an hour. No man came to collect.

Later at the station, when further questioned, Yu told the police that a 16-year-old boy had asked him for 20 cents.

It was apparent that defendant had made up the allegation to escape arrest.

Yu was fined \$200 or two months imprisonment, by Mr. Blair-Kerr when he was brought up to Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Trickster Sentenced

Pleading guilty to four charges of larceny by trick, Wong Lam, 27, Electric Road, was sentenced to three months on each count sentences to run concurrently, with a recommendation for banishment, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

In passing sentence Mr. d'Almada said the offences had been well planned and carried out systematically.

Wong was found guilty of having collected \$370 from Young Wah-pui, a dozen sports shirts valued at \$83 and a dozen pairs of sports stockings valued at \$150 from the China Emporium, and three bags of rice valued at \$445 from the Wing Fung rice dealers.

On all four occasions he represented himself as having been sent by the South China Athletic Association.

RIP KIRBY



Mother Wants Nothing More To Do With Him

"I have seen his mother and she wants nothing more to do with him," said Inspector R. MacKenzie, prosecuting Leung Kwing Fuk, 17, student, at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Hin Shing Lo, on a charge of larceny of \$10 from Poole Pak Chi.

Defendant pleaded "Guilty" and was sentenced to three months hard labour. Inspector MacKenzie said that \$10 had been recovered.

Appearing at the same time as Leung was Hector Summers, 28, on a charge of knowing that a felony had been committed he did assist the felon to evade arrest.

Represented by Mr. Peter Sin, Summers pleaded "Not guilty." June 10 was fixed as the date for hearing.

Democratic League Members Protest

The China Democratic League in Hong Kong disclosed yesterday that two of their leading members in Sumatra have gone on a hunger strike in protest against an expulsion order against them by the Dutch authorities.

A statement released by the League last night added:

"On of the two, Mr. Fee Chuntung, is a brother of Dr. Fee Hsiao-tung, a sociologist of world fame now professor of the Tsing Hua University in Peking, who is also a member of the League.

"The other, Mr. Shao Chung-han, is an outstanding journalist, editor of the Democratic Daily, a Chinese language newspaper in Medan. Both Fee and Shao fled to Sumatra from Singapore in 1942 before the Japanese occupied the East Indies Island.

"Reports received here reveal that the Dutch government, at the request of the Chinese Kuomintang government's consul in

NEW YORK MERCHANT TELLS OF KIDNAPPING

A graphic account of how he was robbed in his residence in Un Long District, kidnapped for two days and then liberated by the police from his rock-cave was given by Chung Yung-sang, a returned Chinese merchant from New York, in the witness box at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Two of the alleged gang of kidnappers, who shot it out with police under Sub-Inst. D. H. Taylor in the early hours of April 2 at Mount Snowden, were committed for trial when they appeared before Mr. Latimer charged on two counts of kidnapping and armed robbery.

Defendants, Wong Choi, unemployed, and Chan Chi-ying, bean curd maker, were not represented.

Witness said that he came back from America in September last year. On March 31 four men robbed his house.

On searched him and took away \$107.50, witness said. He later identified the man at Kowloon Hospital, where the robber later died.

Witness was told to follow the robbers. For seven hours they trudged over hills and at about 2 a.m. on April 1 they went to a house where food was prepared. From there he was taken to a hill. He was taken to a rock-cave where he was bound round the shoulders, neck and hands with rope. Two robbers guarded him. First defendant was

heard to say he had no money, the robber suggested that he sell his field. They slept through the night in the cave.

At about 11 a.m. on April 2, they were warned that police were approaching. Two men remained with him while the others went out. Shortly later he smell burnt grass and heard firing. The deceased robber wore witness overcoat and hat.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for Yip at the appeal, and the Crown was represented by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel.

ARMED ROBBERY PROCEEDINGS

Committing proceedings against a 22-year-old unemployed man were heard at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Blair-Kerr when Lau Lun appeared charged with armed robbery and possession of arms.

Defendant, who was additionally charged with breach of a deportation order, was meanwhile sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Yip was fined \$15.

A routine search of bus passengers in the Chatham Road area on Monday night proved fruitful when a Chinese was found to have tied round his thigh 2.5 pounds of raw opium.

Charged with illegal possession, Cheung Man, a 38-year-old travelling trader, appeared at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and was fined \$250 by Mr. Latimer.

Leung was fined \$15.

Witness said he did as instructed and met first defendant who told her that he wanted to borrow \$100,000 from her husband.

Hearing at this stage was adjourned to April 21.

COULD NOT WRITE

The deceased robber asked witness for \$100,000 and ordered him to write a letter to his wife.

Witness said he could read Chinese characters but could not write.

The robber then wrote on a slip of paper "Draw \$100,000 in Tung Chiang Hong." When witness said

Corporation Claim Succeeds

Judgment in favour of the Stateside Corporation in the sum of \$49,768.32 against the Hing Cheong Hong was given by Justice E. H. Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiffs' claim was for the amount being money paid for a consideration which had failed and was made up of three amounts paid to defendants on three contracts entered between the parties for the purchase of sulphur black.

The Court awarded plaintiffs two thirds of the taxed costs.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Messrs. Tsoo and Hodson, while the defendant firm were represented by Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau.

For having in his possession 1.25 mace of raw opium, a newspaper hawker, Lam Lun, 23, was sentenced to nine months and recommended to banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Illegal Radio Station Raided

Charged with possession and maintaining a radio communication set at No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, Chan Pui, Ma Ping-hung and Tsim Kwok-ching, all of the above address were arraigned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday and after evidence had been given by the Police Officer who conducted the raid, further hearing was adjourned to 3.30 p.m. on July 7.

Mr. D. H. B. Grew of the Government Radio Office prosecuted while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ acted for all defendants.

All defendants were charged with maintaining a radio communication station without a licence at No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, and possession of a radio communication apparatus without a licence.

Mr. Russ pleaded guilty on the first charge for the defendant and not guilty to the second charge and not guilty to all charges for the second and third defendants.

Detective Inspector Hui Hung Cheung said that at 3.00 p.m. on April 10 he raided No. 200 Lockhart Road, second floor, accompanied by a radio inspector.

He said that in answer to his knock at the door a Chinese male peeped through a hole and when informed they were police officers, the man closed the hole and went away.

The door was forced open and a transmitting set, (exhibited in court), code book and message forms were found.

All three defendants were on the premises and in the front cubicle and in a drawer were found a pair of pliers, a screw driver and two bills.

In the second cubicle, claimed by third defendant as his, was discovered a diary.

At the time of the raid first defendant disclaimed knowledge of the radio set.

Hearing was adjourned to 3.30 p.m. on July 7.

TOO MANY NEEDLESS INJURIES

"Every week people come here with broken arms and injured heads. They have got to be more careful," Mr. Latimer remarked when he fined 18-year-old Leung Chi-pui, who appeared at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with slighting from a moving bus, whom he sustained slight head injuries.

Inspector Orem told the Court that defendant jumped off when the vehicle slowed down to 5 m.p.h. towards a stop near Public Square Street, on Nathan Road. He lost his balance and fell.

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The eighth Antique Dealers' Fair & Auction, is being held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1, from the 10th to the 25th June, 1948, part of the proceeds being devoted to the A.T.S. Benevolent Fund and the British Antique Dealers' Association.

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ARMY DRIVER FINED FOR CARELESS DRIVING

Mr. J. K. Thomas was fined \$40 by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for driving a truck without due care and caution at Des Voeux Road on March 3.

Mr. Donald Black said that his car was in the outside lane of two lanes of traffic waiting to proceed West along Des Voeux Road. Immediately in front of him was a large Army truck No. A3576. Apparently to give room to a vehicle proceeding in a westerly direction, and without warning or observing whether the way was clear, the Army truck proceeded to back.

He sounded his horn but was unable to back as there was a car immediately behind him driven by Sub-Inspector Si Wai-ling said Dr. Mackie has left the Colony and is unable to attend Court to give evidence.

In giving his defendant, Mr. d'Almada remarked that since he could not see from the cab when driving.

No Warning

In the process of his manoeuvre he crashed into a car driven by Dr. Mackie, whose car happened to be the first in the inside lane.

The truck then attempted to back again without warning or observing this position, and inness jumped out of his car and informed the driver of what was happening. At no time did the driver attempt to move from his seat from where he had a very poor vision, if any, of what was happening behind.

Witness pulled out and entered Des Voeux Road, and stopped after fifty yards, intending to get particulars from the driver concerned. Defendant followed into Des Voeux Road and without waiting to enquire the extent of the damage or offer help, proceeded in the direction of Jackson Road.

The stoker was given a chance last week to repay the \$1,000 he owed or appear again to face a prison sentence.

The four complainants would not agree to being paid within four months as suggested by defendant.

Sub-Inspector Gillies told the Court that defendant was not co-operative in that he did not mention to police that he had failed to procure the \$1,000.

However, Si Gillies said, he would give defendant another chance and suggested that the Magistrate order defendant to make restitution within a week or serve the appropriate sentence in default.

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BRITAIN AND NEW STATE
No Recognition Of Israel At Present
New Proposal For
A Truce?

London, May 17.

Britain will not recognise the new Jewish State in Palestine as long as the military situation is as fluid as at present, it was learned here today.

A Foreign Office spokesman denied that any request for recognition had been received from Mr. Moshe Shertok, the Jewish Foreign Minister.

"In considering the matter," he said, "Britain will apply the ordinary standards of International law, which require of the State applying for recognition the establishment of a functioning administration, a statement on the precise frontiers of the new State, and the acceptance of normal international obligations."

He indicated that, in the British view, Israel has not so far fulfilled these conditions.

The Foreign Office spokesman added that the British Dominions were being informed of this attitude. He denied reports that Britain was contemplating the appointment of political agents in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Sir Hugh Dow, who is due to take up his post as British political representative in Palestine as a whole, has not yet left London for Jerusalem.

It was indicated that the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road was decisively cut, so that the plight of the Jews in Jerusalem would quickly become desperate; it would indicate the imminence of a combined drive on Tel Aviv by the two most powerful and modern Arab armies; and it would provide evidence that the five-army Arab invasion of Palestine was proceeding according to a competently coordinated plan.

While the military situation was generally felt to be the greatest influence on the future of the Arab State, it was recognised that repeal of the United States embargo on arms to the Middle East—reported from Washington to be imminent—would indicate the imminence of a combined drive on Tel Aviv by the two most powerful and modern Arab armies; and it would provide evidence that the five-army Arab invasion of Palestine was proceeding according to a competently coordinated plan.

Political quarters in London believe that the prospects of the survival of the three-day old Jewish State depend on two factors:—the Arab drive on Tel

Success.

Official British spokesmen denied that the British Government had been consulted by the United States Government on the arms question, but they admitted that "such a vital matter could hardly fail to have been raised informally". The matter has no direct bearing on British policy.

Some competent observers suggest that events in Palestine are moving so quickly that the ban could not be effectively lifted in time to influence the outcome of the campaign.

Others believe preparations may already have been made to lift it and see in this an explanation of Mr. Shertok's cryptic statement that the Jews may shortly be in a position to fight in the air.—Reuter.

Foreign Merchant Arrested

Shanghai, May 18.

A foreign merchant was arrested by the Economic Police on Saturday on suspicion of having engaged in large-scale black-market transactions in gold and American dollars, according to Chinese press reports.

The arrest was made at Lung-hwa airport, when the merchant was about to board a plane for Hong Kong, the reports asserted, adding that he carried with him a large amount of gold and American bank notes.

The name of the merchant was not given, but it was said that the whole case would be made known to the public as soon as police investigators had finished their investigations into this "complicated" case.—Reuter.

SURPLUS AIRCRAFT DISTRIBUTION

Shanghai, May 18.

Thirteen surplus Curtiss C-40 type aircraft will be distributed shortly by the Ministry of Communications between the China National Aviation Corporation and General Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport, according to the China Press.

All 13 planes were delivered here from Tokyo stockpiles and were originally sold to the Chinese Air Force.

They were subsequently purchased by the Ministry of Communications for distribution between the two airlines.

A CNAC spokesman is quoted as stating that the planes had been obtained from the Ministry on "a renting basis," but CAT spokesman said the planes were "a gift."

With these new additions, the CNAC fleet will be boosted to 46 flyable aircraft, and CAT's to between 23 and 24.—Reuter.

NO AGREEMENT

Lake Success, May 17.

A private meeting of the "Big Five" powers were today failed to reach an agreement on the choice of United Nations mediator for Palestine. They will hold another meeting tomorrow.—Reuter.

Reds Recognise Jewish State

Moscow, May 17.

Russia tonight officially recognised the new born State of Israel following the United States and Guatemala, who have already done so.

M. Molotov added: "The Soviet Government hopes that the creation by the Jewish people of its sovereign state will serve the cause of strengthening peace and security in Palestine and the Near East, and expresses its confidence in the successful development of friendly relations between the USSR and the State of Israel."

"I have the honour to communicate to you and to ask you to pass on to your Government that the National Council of the Jewish State, consisting of members elected by the representative organisations of the Jews in Palestine, met yesterday, May 14, in connection with the ending of the British mandate, and, on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of Nov. 29, 1947, proclaimed the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Palestine which will be called the State of Israel."

In Belgrade, declaring that the new Jewish State of Israel was now a fact and must be considered as such, a Yugoslav official said today that Yugoslavia's recognition was being considered and would be made public "in due course."

Public interest in events there has been great, and Yugoslav papers have been carrying full reports of the fighting and diplomatic developments; though there has been no comment in the semi-official press.

From Bucharest, meanwhile, reports state that Jewish demonstrators to celebrate the setting up of the new Jewish state were put off as the Rumanian Government is waiting for further developments before making any decision about recognition.—Reuter.

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HONG KONG AT THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR—A view of the Hong Kong Stall, showing the attractive arrangement of the Colony's exhibits at the B.I.F. which came to an end towards the end of last week.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, with the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, Vicar, and the Rev. Dr. Harth after the recent confirmation service at St. Andrew's Church.



YAUMATI KITCHEN.—Dr. Parson and Dr. Lakshmanan take a keen interest in Hong Kong's social welfare work during their recent visit to the Colony. Above they are seen (third and fourth from left) with local officials. (Mayfair Studio)



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FAREWELL PARTY.—Mr. F. F. W. Shaffain, OBE, speaking at a dinner party given in his honour by Mr. Shum Wai-yau. The Colonial Secretary, Hon. D. M. MacDougall, and S.C.A., the Hon. R. R. Todd were among the guests. (Artland Studio)



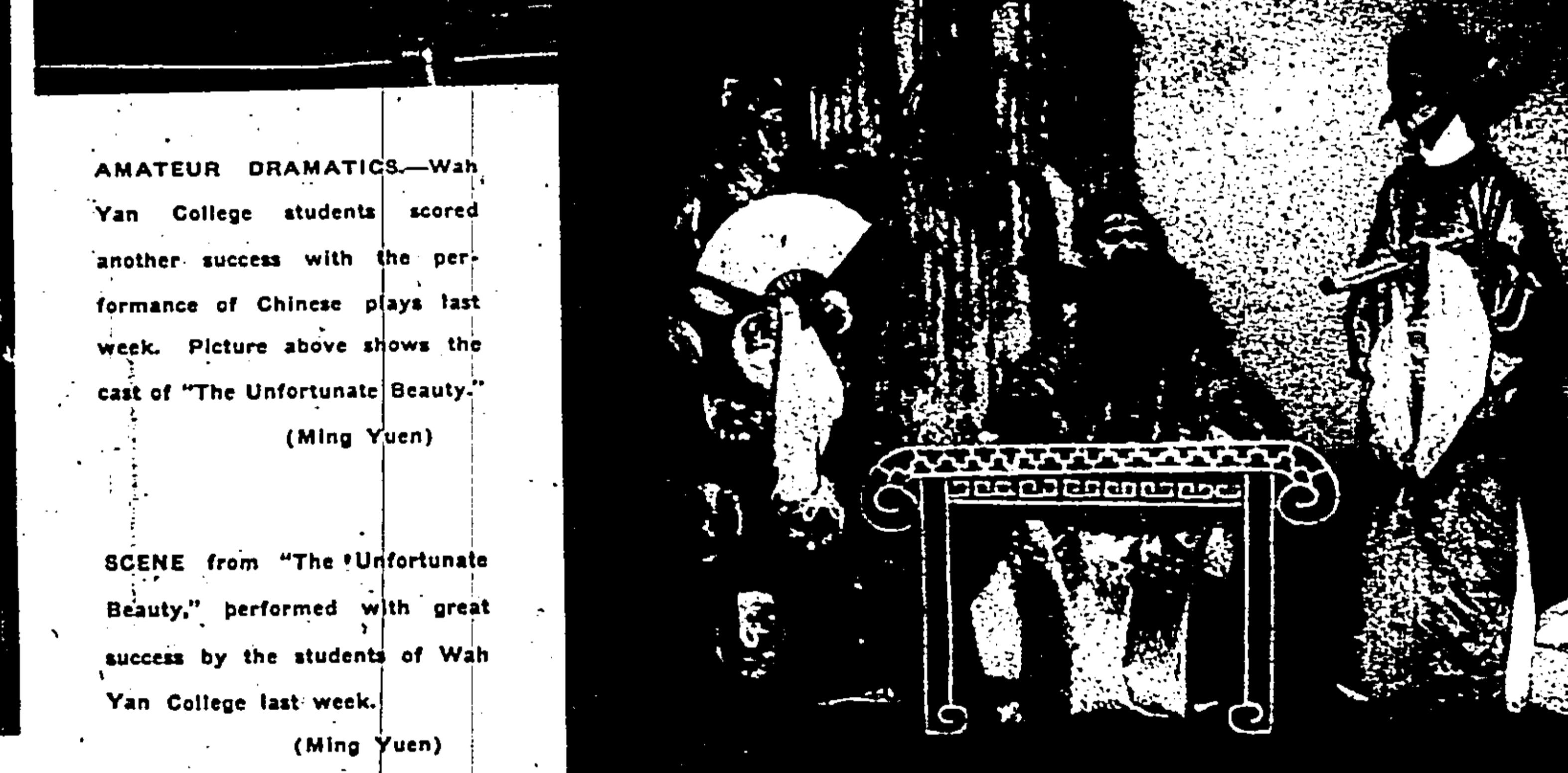
A GROUP PICTURE taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant on the occasion of the farewell party given in honour of Mr. Shaffain by Mr. Shum Wai-yau, of the Wah Kiu Yat-Po. (Artland Studio)



STAFF.—This picture shows the Executives and Staff of the World Commercial Company, of Victory House.



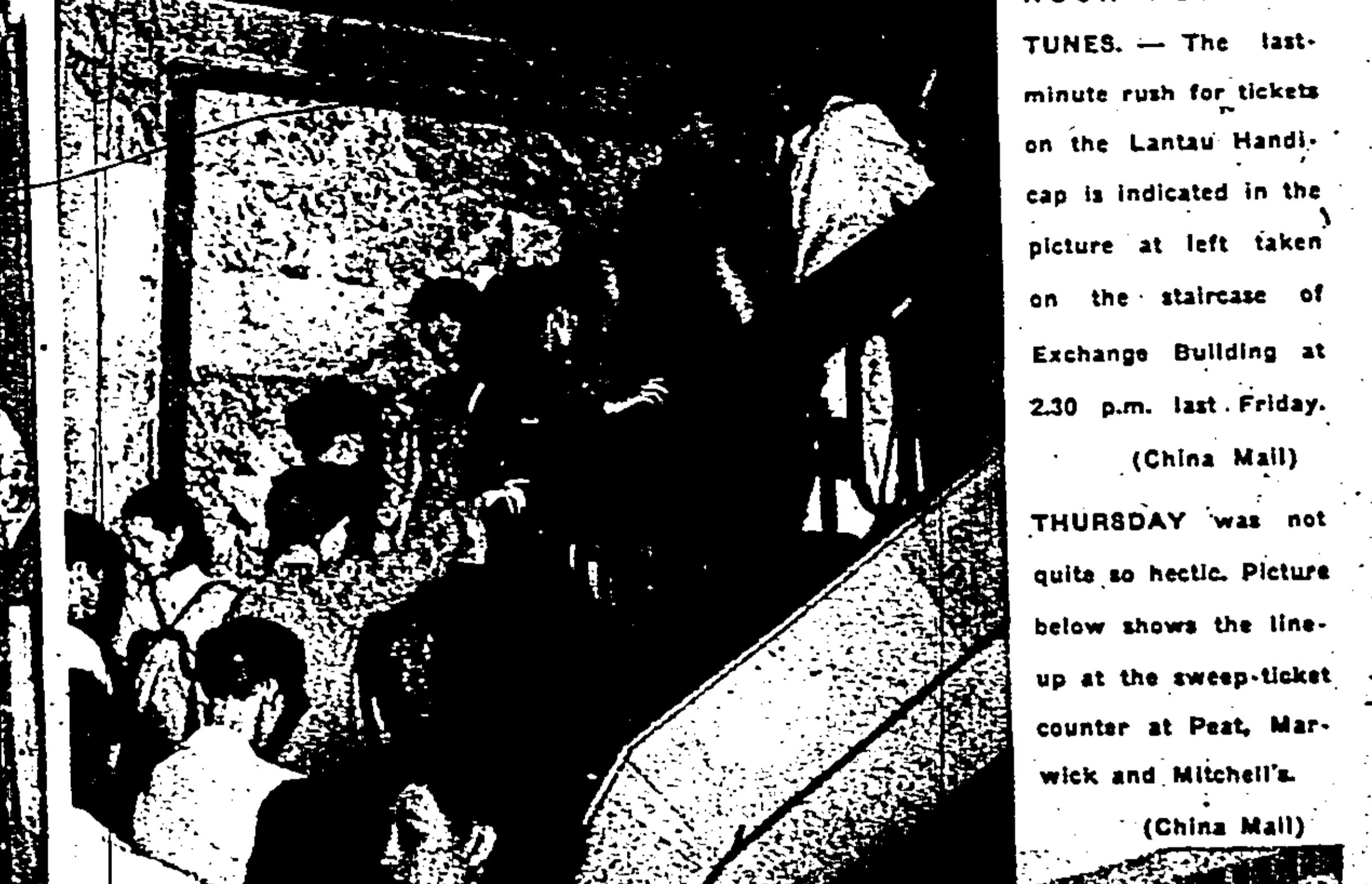
AMATEUR DRAMATICS.—Wah Yan College students scored another success with the performance of Chinese plays last week. Picture above shows the cast of "The Unfortunate Beauty." (Ming Yuen)



SCENE from "The Unfortunate Beauty," performed with great success by the students of Wah Yan College last week. (Ming Yuen)



CHRIST CHURCH WEDDING.—Group photograph taken following the wedding on May 8 at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, of Mr. Donald Young and Miss Kitty Wong. (Mayfair Studio)



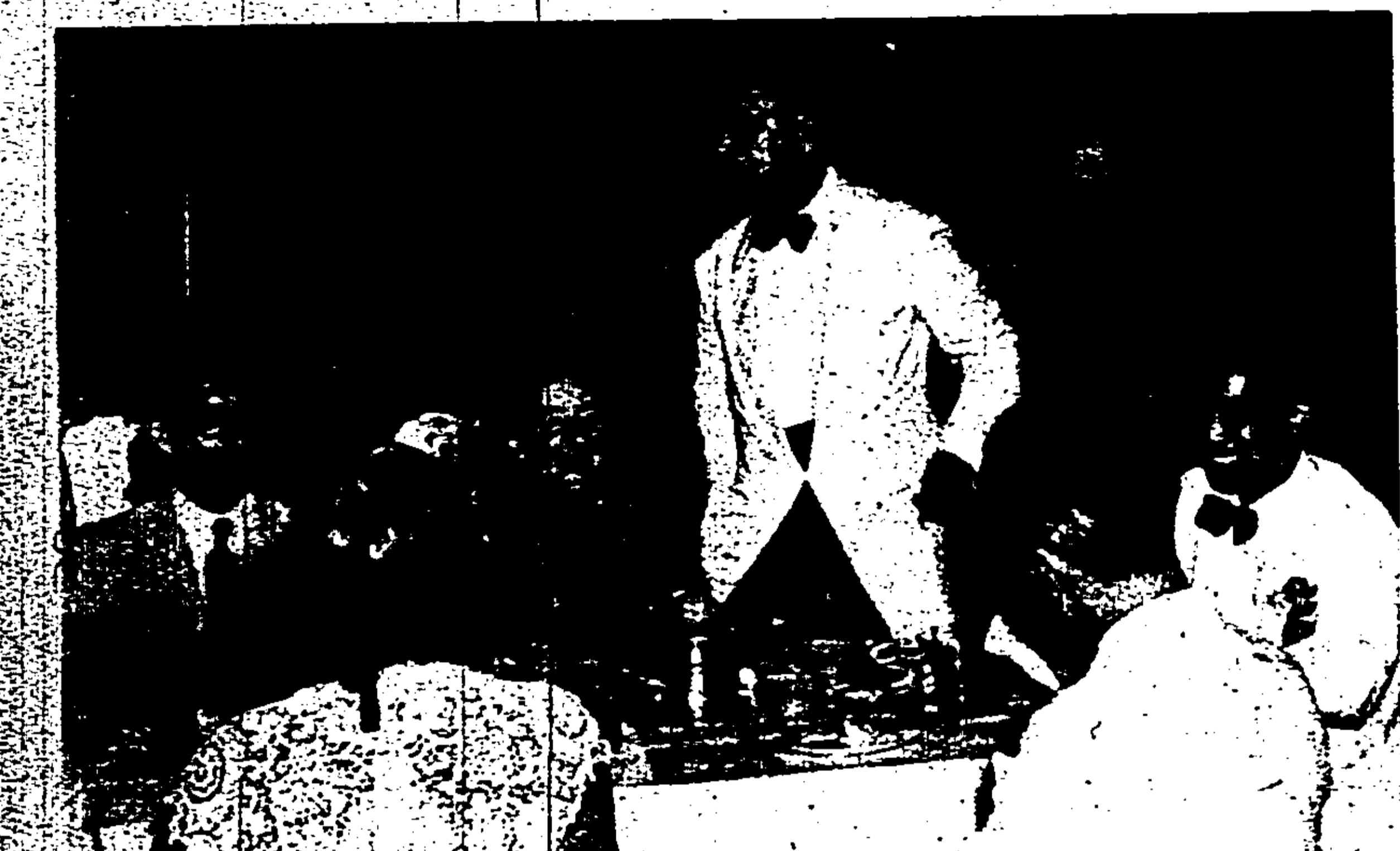
RUSH FOR FORTUNES.—The last-minute rush for tickets on the Lantau Handicap is indicated in the picture at left taken on the staircase of Exchange Building at 2.30 p.m. last Friday. (China Mail)



THURSDAY was not quite so hectic. Picture below shows the line-up at the sweep-ticket counter at Peat, Marwick and Mitchell's. (China Mail)



DOUBLE CHRISTENING.—In a double ceremony at St John's Cathedral last week, Patrick Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Romer, and Gail Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Orchard were christened. (Ming Yuen)



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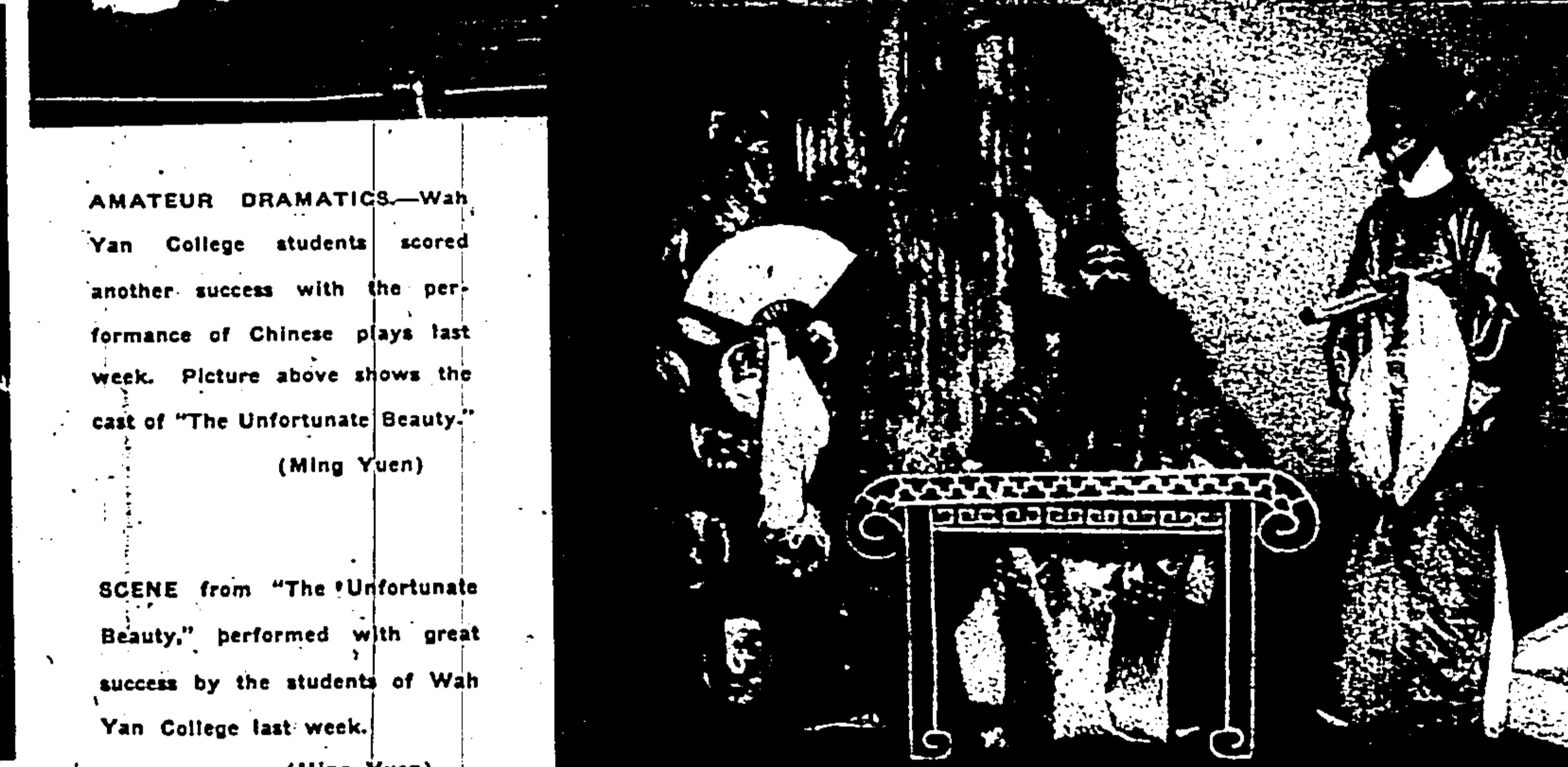
A GROUP PICTURE taken at the Kam Ling Restaurant on the occasion of the farewell party given in honour of Mr. Shaffain by Mr. Shum Wai-yau, of the Wah Kiu Yat-Po. (Artland Studio)



STAFF.—This picture shows the Executives and Staff of the World Commercial Company, of Victory House.



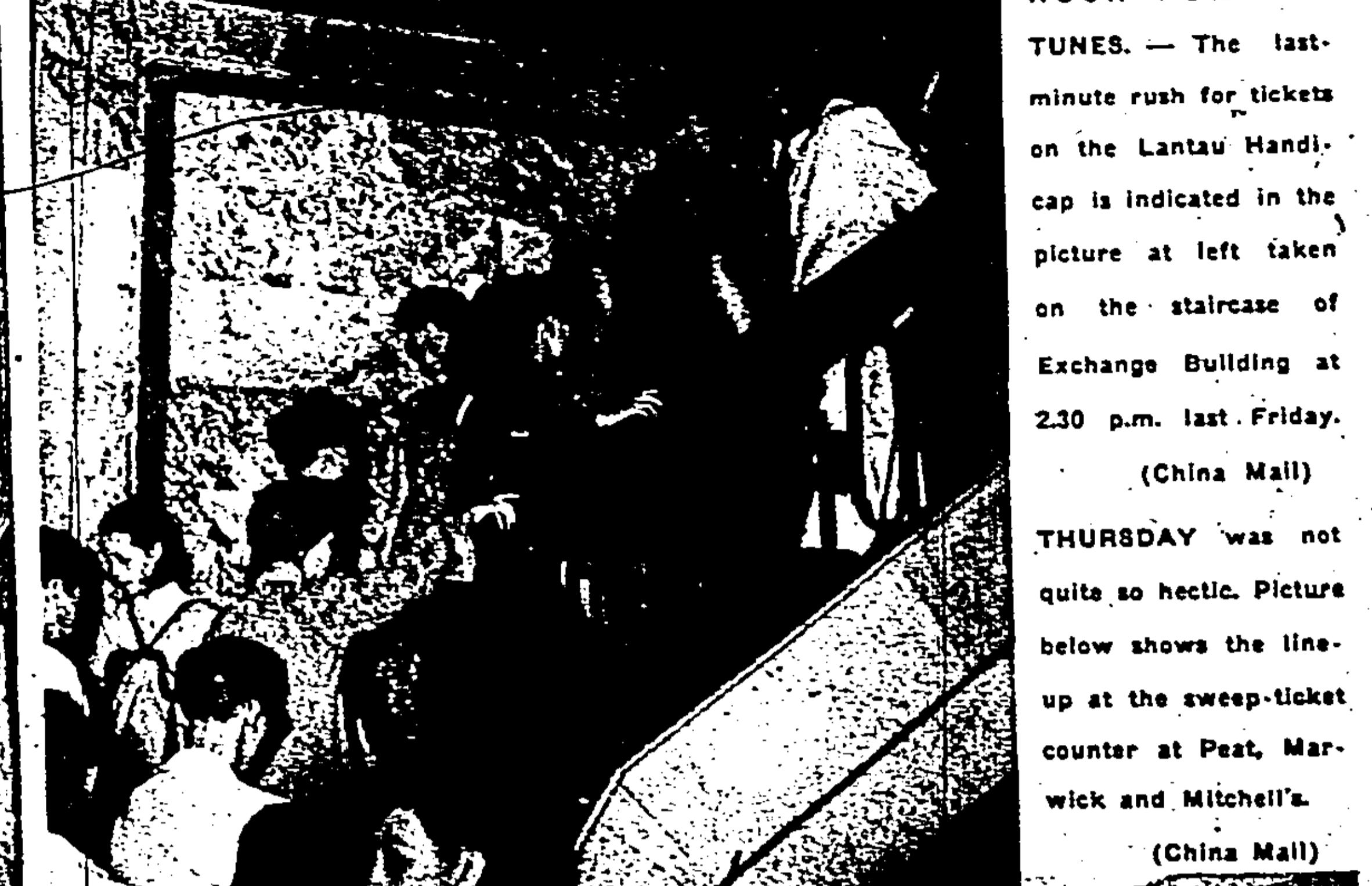
AMATEUR DRAMATICS.—Wah Yan College students scored another success with the performance of Chinese plays last week. Picture above shows the cast of "The Unfortunate Beauty." (Ming Yuen)



SCENE from "The Unfortunate Beauty," performed with great success by the students of Wah Yan College last week. (Ming Yuen)



CHRIST CHURCH WEDDING.—Group photograph taken following the wedding on May 8 at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, of Mr. Donald Young and Miss Kitty Wong. (Mayfair Studio)



RUSH FOR FORTUNES.—The last-minute rush for tickets on the Lantau Handicap is indicated in the picture at left taken on the staircase of Exchange Building at 2.30 p.m. last Friday. (China Mail)

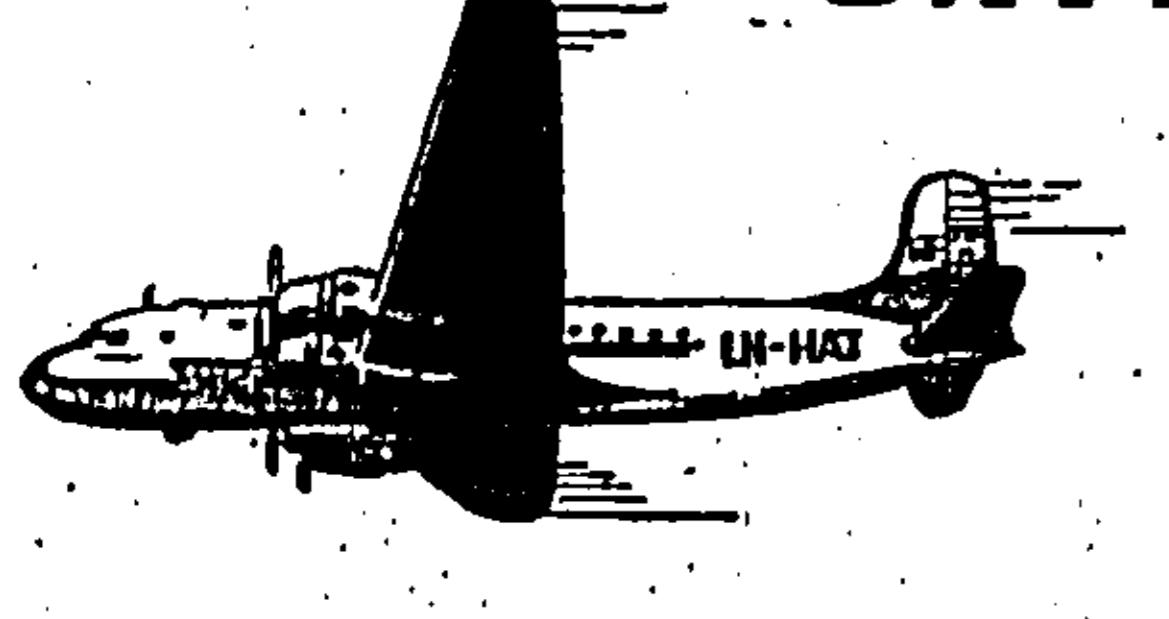


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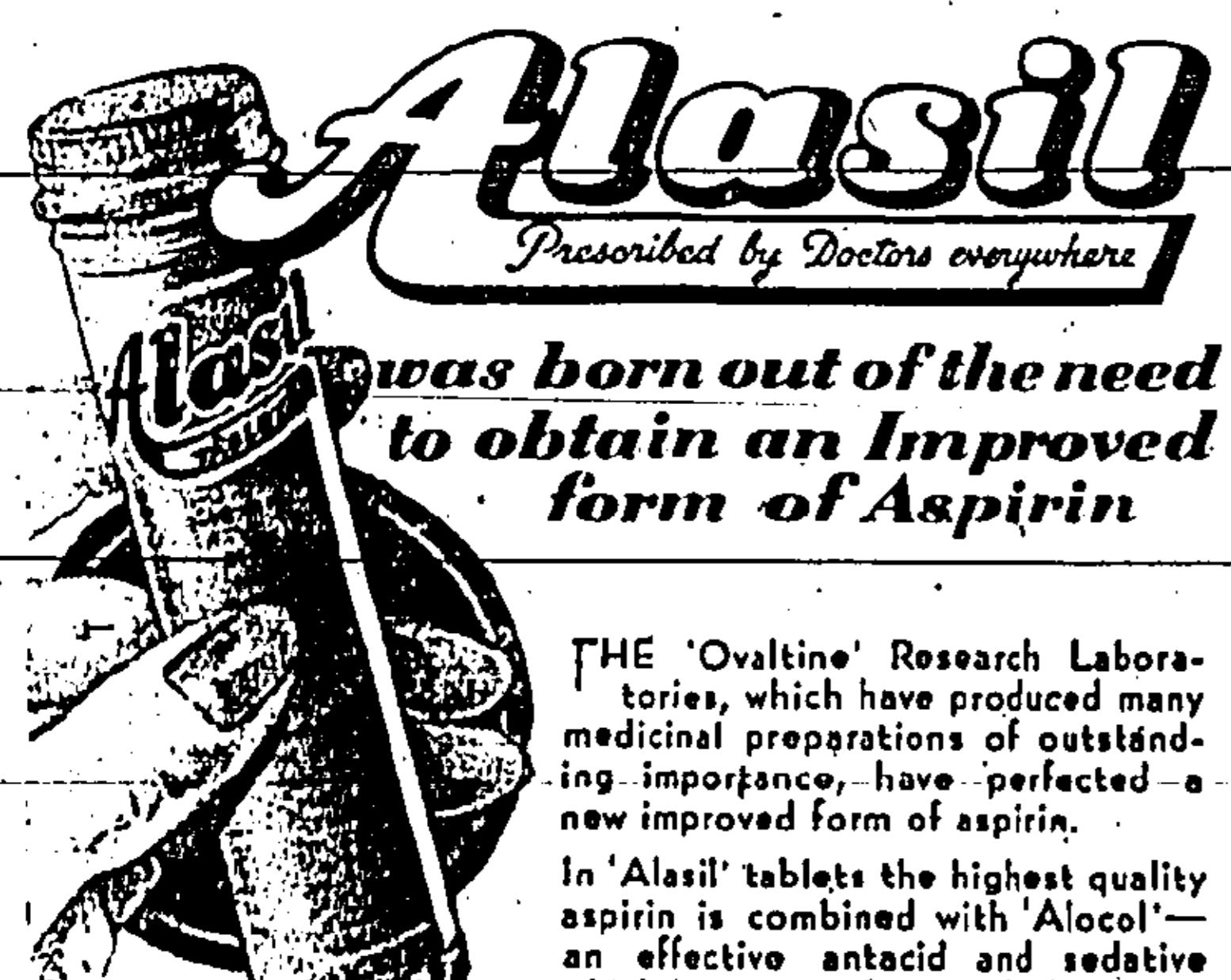
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STALIN ANSWERS WALLACE

Soviet Union Readiness To Negotiate Programme 'Basis For Agreement'

London, May 17. Prime Minister Josef Stalin said tonight that Russia is ready, if the United States is willing, to negotiate the difference between the two nations on the basis of recent proposals to him by Henry A. Wallace.

Stalin was replying to Mr. Wallace's "open letter" which the Third Party Presidential candidate addressed to the Russian Prime Minister at a recent political rally in New York. Stalin's answer was broadcast by the Moscow radio and distributed here by the Soviet monitor.

"I do not know whether the United States Government approves of Mr. Wallace's programme as a basis for agreement between the USSR and the United States," Stalin said. "As far as the Government of the USSR is concerned, it considers that Mr. Wallace's programme could serve as a good and fruitful basis for such an agreement and for the development of international cooperation."

Prime Minister Stalin contrasted Mr. Wallace's detailed proposals for settling major Russian-American differences with the "inadequacy" of the diplomatic exchanges between the two Governments begun on May 4. At that time U.S. Ambassador Walter B. Smith and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov talked in Moscow on U.S.-Soviet relations.

"Most Important"

"The important meaning of the (Wallace's) open letter consists in the fact that it does not limit itself to a declaration, but goes further, makes a serious step forward and gives a concrete programme for the peaceful settlement of differences between the USSR and the United States," Prime Minister Stalin said.

Stalin termed Mr. Wallace's letter "the most important document" among "the political documents of recent times which have the consolidation of peace as their aim."

The letter, he said, did not embrace all the points of difference between the two major powers and it could not be said that certain parts of it "do not need to be improved."

The Proposals

Stalin said the Soviet Government considered "the co-existence" of the United States and Russian systems as both possible and necessary "despite the difference in the economic systems and ideologies."

Stalin listed Wallace's proposals as:

1—A general reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

2—Conclusion of peace treaties with Japan and Germany and the question of evacuation of troops from those countries.

3—Evacuation of troops from China and Korea.

4—Respect for the sovereignty of individual countries and non-interference in their internal affairs.

5—The inadmissibility of military bases in member countries of the United Nations.

6—World development of international trade, excluding any sort of discrimination in the framework of United Nations assistance to, and economic restoration of, countries which suffered in the war.

7—The defence of Democracy and ensuring of civil rights in all countries, "and so on." Stalin added.—Associated Press.

UK Drought Has Experts Puzzled

London, May 18. British weather, which has perplexed every visitor, has even the experts puzzled now. They are puzzled by a drought which has gripped these islands since last June. The experts said it is the worst in 101 years with the exception of the dry spell in 1921.

In October—traditionally the wettest month of the year when rivers and underground springs should be filled—the rainfall average over England and Wales was 18 per cent of normal. Over Scotland it was just 50 per cent.

Now, says the Ministry of Agriculture, wells and springs over a large section of Britain are at a "dangerously low level." The

Thames, which should show a natural flow of 1,400,000,000 gallons a day, is down to 600,000,000.

Below Average

A Meteorological Office official said: "During the winter we should have had an abundance of rain. Instead, every month except January was below average. It will need very heavy rain for us now to make up the losses and prevent a serious drought this summer."

A Metropolitan Water Board official said:

"Things look serious. We are taking London's water supply from the Thames—some 200,000,000 gallons a day. If warm weather comes, consumption may go up as much as 100,000,000 gallons daily, and if the level of the water drops we may have to introduce restrictions."

The Ministry of Agriculture is already putting into effect plans for combatting a summer drought. Committees are arranging for water to be transported to farmers. In particularly dry areas, ponds are being dredged, and streams and small rivers dammed.—Associated Press.

NEW SQUADRON FOR MED

Washington, May 17. The Navy announced today that it was relieving the 14-ship U.S. Squadron in the Mediterranean and replacing it with 12 other ships.—Associated Press.

"Please bring your winter woollies.—Associated Press.

Few Would Survive Another War

Columbus, May 18. An international health authority says that less than 10 per cent of the world's population would survive another war.

"Warfare," said Dr. Brock Chisholm of Canada, Executive Secretary of the United Nations World Health Organisation, "has now become synonymous with suicide."

Dr. Chisholm spoke at the annual banquet session of the 18th Institute for Education by Radio.

Only by education of the World's youth, Dr. Chisholm said, can understanding and peace among nations be reached.

George Polk Murder

Athens, May 17. The Salonic public prosecutor said today he is rewarded of 23,000,000 drachmas (about £850) would be given to anyone disclosing or contributing to the discovery of the murderers of Mr. George Polk, the American radio correspondent.

Mr. Polk's body was washed up on the shore at Salonic yesterday.

During a search of Mr. Polk's hotel rooms, the public prosecutor found a letter written by the correspondent to a friend in New York saying he had been trying to see General Marcos, the guerrilla leader, to record an interview.

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SEEKING BUTTERFLY MAN DEAD

London, May 17. The Natural History Museum in Kensington disclosed today that its butterfly expert, Mr. Alexander Corbet, died on his butterfly hunt. Mr. Corbet was 51 years of age.

Officials said he collapsed after capturing an extremely rare specimen.—Associated Press.

Cominform In Siam?

Bangkok, May 17. Persistent reports were circulating here today of plans to establish a South East Asia branch of the Cominform in Bangkok.

The report said that M. Kallinov, described as the head of the Cominform branch at Dalien, on the Kwantung Peninsula, and a high Soviet official were to visit Bangkok shortly on a special mission.—Reuter.

ANGLO-U.S. FILM DEAL

New York, May 17. Film producers David O. Selznick and Alexander Korda have signed a contract to collaborate on several pictures to be made in Britain, they announced in New York today.

Combined British and American studios will be used and also the independent English directors and producers who are associated with Korda.

Four films, including two in technicolour, will be produced within the year starting on Sept. 1, the announcement said.

The agreement provides for the two companies to share the ownership of the jointly produced films with Selznick holding the sole rights in the Western Hemisphere and Korda in the Eastern Hemisphere.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN ACTION APPROVED

Washington, May 17. Republicans and Democrats in the Senate today joined in approving President Truman's swift action in recognising the new State of Israel and called for the lifting of the embargo on arms for the Jewish State.

Condemning Egypt for sending troops into Palestine, Senator Owen Brewster (Republican, Maine), urged that the United Nations should bring pressure to bear on Egypt to prevent her from destroying the prestige of the United Nations.

He criticised the bombing of the open city of Tel Aviv and said: "It is a strange thing that Egypt could not join the Allies in the fight for freedom, yet it sees fit to use its forces to invade Palestine."

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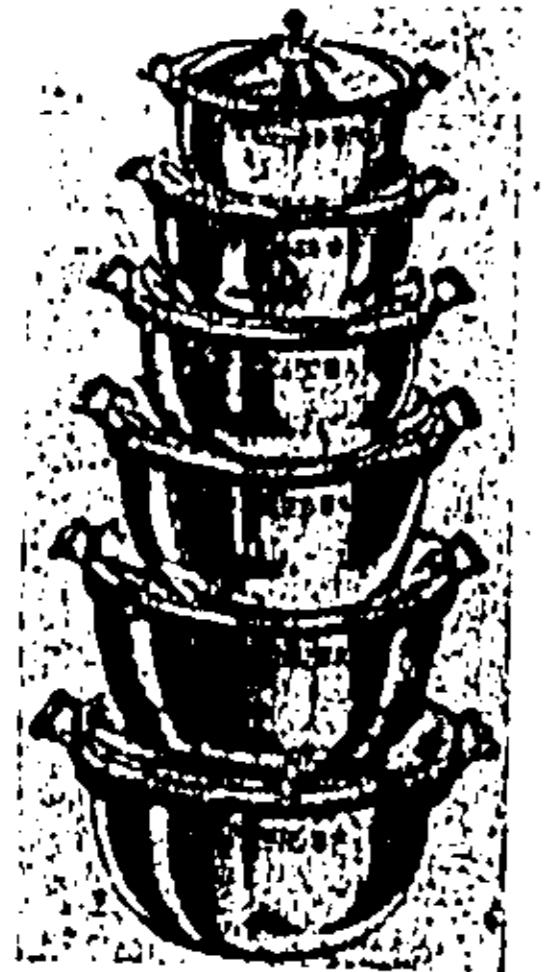


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Back For A Spell In The British Isles

Tuesday, England is the water lapping against the sides of the great ship. It is the harbour lights of Southampton, the velvet evening, the sound of English voices on the quay.

The Queen Elizabeth is tying up in her home port, but the 2,205 passengers who have sailed in her from New York are not permitted to land until tomorrow.

The voyage will be marked down in the log as "routine." I would call it something else. Solid days of fog and suffocating humidity. The sirens trumpeting like elephants in agony. The rain and mist shrouding the boat decks and driving people into the lounge, the bars, the smoking-rooms.

The ship's master, Captain C. M. Ford, a giant of a man, tells me sardonically that Atlantic weather is never good any more, but point out that at least the sea has been calm.

Most of the time during the five-and-a-half-day voyage the captain has been on the bridge, and has rarely appeared at his table in the big, glittering restaurant, which is a strange mixture of a Lyons Corner House, the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel lounge, and the foyer of Radio City Music Hall.

The Americans, the South Americans, and the Indians like the chromium plating and the vast mirrors, but the British, who are always inclined to disparage their proudest achievements, suggest they are rather garish.

No arresting news has been made on this trip, but I can report some sensational views.

Boyd Orr's Views

The most important talk I had was in the smoking-room with Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation and one of Britain's most distinguished men.

Bushy-browed, earnest Sir John let me and America and the world have it.

BRITAIN CELEBRATES WARMEST WHIT MONDAY IN NEARLY 40 YEARS

London, May 17.

The warmest and sunniest Whit Monday in 38 years today sent millions of Britons to seaside resorts and the suburban countryside. Other thousands flocked out of London where the midday temperature hovered past 73 deg. F. A half mile line of sunbaked holidaying Britons stretched along the Thames Embankment waiting for river steamers.

In all London's spacious parks young and old sprawled in deck chairs and on the grass taking advantage of the unusual sunny weather.

Transportation was taxed to breaking point. Thousands waited patiently at the stations and an almost hourly addition of extra trains did not seem to relieve the crush.

A few private cars were on the road because of the strictly enforced restrictions.

A Conservative member of Parliament, Cyril Osborne, criticised the Labour Government in a speech saying "this scandal of empty roads could have been avoided if it had had an experienced man in the Fuel Ministry."

Telling the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee of the Navy's plans for the carrier, he said it would cost about \$125 million.

The new carrier—20,000 tons more than the USS Midway, which is the largest afloat today—will be 10 feet longer than the French liner Normandie, which capsized and burned in New York Harbour during the war.

The Committee endorsed a bill suspending work on 13 ships and transferring the unexpended funds to the 1949 programme, which includes five new ships and three conversions, as well as the new carrier.

Some of the work will be on ships equipped to launch guided missiles. —Reuter.

SIAM-MOSLEMS FED UP

Bangkok, May 17. Unless the situation in five Southern Siamese provinces improves, Moslems there may start a mass migration to Malaya according to Cho Abdullah Wangput, Minister without Portfolio in the present government.

The Minister served in the Southern Provinces Fact-Finding Commission appointed by the Interior Minister. He said the Moslems were dissatisfied with their treatment by the local Siamese administrators. —United Press.

King in Scotland

The King and Queen are spending the holiday at Balmoral Castle with Princess Margaret.

Whit Monday is an official British Bank Holiday and practically all commercial and other business has been closed since Saturday. Whit Monday or Pentecost is one of the principal feasts in which the Christian Church commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost.

Britain's City Of Scientists

Bedford, May 17. Britain's "city of scientists"—a huge research station to centralise all British experiments in supersonic flight—is under rapid construction near here.

It will cost £20,000,000, and will ultimately have a staff of 5,000, of whom about 1,400 will be scientists. Although some equipment will be ready for work within a few months, it is estimated that the station will not be completed until 1952.

The two main items in the plan are a wind tunnel capable of operating at roughly 1,400 miles an hour, twice the speed of sound, and a giant runway, five miles long and 600 yards wide.

Winds tunnels, in which model planes will be tested, need such an immense amount of power to drive their fans and keep them cool that, when working at peak load, the Bedford station will use the same horse-power as a city the size of Manchester, with a population of nearly three-quarters of a million.

Directing the station's scientific experiments is Mr. W. G. Ferrins, a warlike "back-room boy" whose investigations and reconstructions largely helped the Allies to learn how Hitler's V-2 rockets worked. —Reuter.

Hurt Feelings

Chetham Strode is rather grieved about the Diary. "You shouldn't report that Americans something stub out their cigarettes in the butter; it creates anti-American feeling," he complains.

"Your column caused some terrible arguments over the breakfast table.

"I think you should report on the wonderfully generous, charming, and polite characteristics of the Americans, not play up their faults."

Winn was aghast at Evelyn Waugh's recent biting satire on Hollywood's cemeteries.

"It's brutal thing to do. Here Waugh accepts Hollywood's hospitality, goes to their parties, meets everyone, drinks their wine, eats their food, and then goes away and writes this savage piece."

Hollywood is becoming rather tired of being slapped in the face by visiting British writers.

—It could be.

Out Of Date

The stupidity of men is incredible. All this talk about atomic bomb is out of date.

World hunger is a far greater danger to civilisation and mankind than the atomic bomb could ever be.

Full stomachs are the answer to Communism but, the United States won't, or can't, understand this.

"In any case, bacteriological warfare makes the atom bomb obsolete. Germs have been developed which could wipe out all the peoples everywhere.

"If only Britain would assume the moral leadership of the world, which she is so well fitted to do!

"We should give up... playing politics and stand by our ideals and Liberalism. Already Britain is the admiration of all countries everywhere because of the way we have handled the food problem at home.

"The way our people have stood up to adversity, the stability of our system have been miraculous in the view of other nations.

"But we need statesmen—new, forward-looking brains."

I asked about the food prospects at home, and Sir John answered:

"If the 1948 harvests are good, and it depends, of course, on the

weather, then bread-rations at home will be scrapped.

"However, it will take two to three, perhaps four to five, years before we get our needed amount of milk, meat, and fats. It is no use being optimistic."

Most of the time I spent with Leo Genn, the barrister who became a brilliant actor, the playwright Chetham Strode and his lovely wife, and Godfrey Winn, film writer and ex-columnist.

—Reuter.

Strange Mission

The passenger with the strangest mission—she was at the Staff Captain's table, at which I also sat—was an American grandmother, Mrs. Halsted Park.

When I asked her what her plans were, she said: "I'm going to India to buy six elephants and some lions and tigers for the Ringling Circus."

Well, tonight we are docked in Southampton. It's good to be back home.

—Reuter.

Siamese C.I.D. On The Job

Bangkok, May 17. The Government has suspended all gold transactions in

order to recover the remaining three-fourths of the US\$2,000,000 gold shipment which was stolen in last Wednesday's hold-up.

Criminal Investigation Department agents were sent to the northern and eastern frontiers to block trucks reported to be trying to transport gold from the country.

Press reports said ten cases of gold already had crossed the frontier at Aranya Prades, on the Siamese-Indochina border.

Bangkok gold brokers were ordered to present an immediate inventory of their stocks.

The Government has offered a US\$500,000 reward for the recovery of the gold, the largest reward offered in the history of Siam. —United Press.

—Reuter.

ATOMIC BODY GIVES UP

Lake Success, May 17. The United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, which has

spent nearly two years vainly seeking agreement on international control of atomic weapons, today gave up its attempt.

Admiral Gromyko, of Russia, blamed the United States for the Commission's failure. He wanted the Commission to remain alive and said: "I believe agreement is possible, but not on the basis of the American proposals."

The Commission voted itself out of existence by nine votes to two—Russia and the Ukraine opposing. —Reuter.

—Reuter.

SIR H. RANCE'S NEW POST

London, May 17. A 50-year-old British administrator, Sir Hubert Rance, who

was Governor of Burma until he achieved independence in January, is to be responsible for the development of the British West Indies.

He has been appointed chairman of a standing committee of representatives of the British Caribbean colonies, which is to make recommendations about closer association of those colonies.

A conference at Montego Bay, Jamaica, last September, recommended the creation of this committee. —Reuter.

—Reuter.

POPE RECEIVES MOTORISTS

Vatican City, May 17. Pope Pius XII today received members of the International Automobile Association convened in Rome for the 50th anniversary of the Italian Automobile Club.

The group included Viscount Rohar, International President; Lord and Lady Howe, England; Count De Liedekerke, Beaufort, France; and the Duke of Ursel, Belgium. —Associated Press.

—Reuter.

Train Fire

He said he travelled more than 20 miles on the highways of Leicestershire without seeing a single car.

A crowded London transport train caught fire near Acton central station. Scores of persons on the train led children along the tracks while the fire brigade fought the blaze for 10 minutes before bringing it under control.

By noon, nearly 500 extra buses had been put into service in London and every available piece of equipment made ready for the expected evening crush when out-of-towners begin returning.

The Air Ministry said: "This is the warmest and sunniest early Whitsun since the beginning of the Ministry. Figures are well above those of the Whitsun of 1946 which formerly held the record."

—Reuter.

King in Scotland

The King and Queen are spending the holiday at Balmoral Castle with Princess Margaret.

—Reuter.

Weizmann Makes First Statement

New York, May 17. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, newly-elected President of the Provisional Council of Israel, said, in a statement of acceptance of office:

"I am proud of the great honour bestowed upon me by

the Provisional Council of

Government of the State of Israel in electing me as its first President."

"It is in a humble spirit that I accept this election and I am deeply grateful to the Council

for the confidence which it has

reposed in me.

"I dedicate myself to the service

of the land and people in whose cause I have been privileged to labour these many years.

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ernment and the people of Israel this expression of my deepest and most heartfelt affection.

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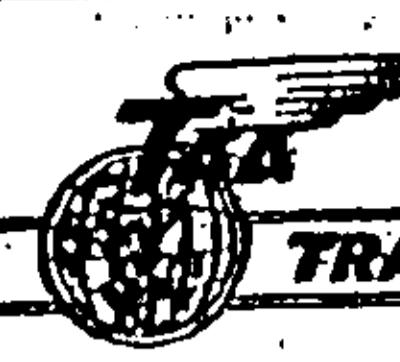
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The pointed decision of General Marshall to cold-shoulder Moscow's declared readiness to discuss points of difference between Russia and the United States has shocked public opinion in Europe, especially that section which would grasp at any straw offering a rescue from the existing atmosphere of tension. Any gesture of goodwill, the feeling is, should have been grasped with both hands, for the very act of rejection must tend to exacerbate relations that much more. Mr. Marshall may, nevertheless, be right in refusing to enter upon a conference without a clearly defined picture of what it is intended to discuss, and some better inkling than Moscow has yet provided of a genuine desire to produce results. If the hopes roused by the Moscow feeler have been rudely dashed, how much greater the shock were yet a further conference to terminate in yet another stalemate. That is the American line of approach and there is much warrant for it.

On the Russian side, there can be small complaint no matter in what manner Moscow's propaganda is manipulated. If there is suspicion of the Kremlin's bona fides, it is the product of Russia's policy in international relations over the last two years. Russia's readiness for discussions is not in doubt. What lacks is a safely acceptable reason why. It is possible that Molotov genuinely seeks a relaxation of the tension and a more tolerable modus vivendi. On the other hand the offer may be no more than a stalling-point, an invitation to protracted discussions that would serve only to delay European reconstruction while the Communist organisation continues its stealthy work underground.

Frankly, few skilled observers would place the slightest confidence in the first alternative. The whole method of disclosure of the Molotov-Bedell Smith correspondence bore the hallmarks of a propaganda stunt rather than of an earnest bid to find an amicable settlement by way of negotiation. And the subsequent diatribe in "Pravda" in reference to the Wallace Open Letter to Stalin serves merely to confirm the worst impression. Undeniably, however, much harm has been done, and it is not at all certain that the tone and circumstances of the Marshall reply to Molotov did not contribute substantially. The United States was not, of course, responsible for bringing the matter out into the dangerous light of public diplomacy. It is there that the greatest damage has been caused. At the best, the improvement of relations between East and West, the breaking down of the suspicions which now inflict themselves into every situation, whether on one side of the Iron Curtain or the other, will involve laborious painstaking effort, the most careful preliminary preparation and no expectation of quick results. Meantime, nothing should be permitted to divert attention from the main objective of the moment, which is the reconstruction of Western Europe and the creation of the conditions which will permit the great Powers to gather round the conference table on level terms.

I was anxious to establish a broad basis of common ground with the Prime Minister, and being encouraged by his courtesy I wrote him a series of letters on the various points to be drawn into arguments with him at Cabinets, and always preferred putting things down on paper. In nearly all cases we found ourselves in agreement, and although at first he gave me the impression of being very much on guard, yet, and glad to say that month by month his confidence and good will seemed to grow, his biographer has borne testimony to this. I also wrote to

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other members of the War Cabinet and to various Ministers with whom I had departmental or other business.

Dated memoranda which Mr. Churchill sent to other Ministers at this period and now reproduces include suggestions for a Ministry of Shipping (Sept. 11, 1939), an anti-waste campaign (Sept. 24), the replacement of Regular battalions in India by Territorials (Oct. 1), relaxation of the black-out (Oct. 1), and on Oct. 7 the formation of a Home Guard—under that name.]

On Friday, Nov. 13, my relations with Mr. Chamberlain had so far reopened that he and Mrs. Chamberlain came to dine with us in Germany and reported according to the pocket battleship Deutschland and

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it was more than a year before such a record was repeated. As the ladies left us, Mrs. Chamberlain, with a naive and charming glance, said to me, "Did you arrange all this on purpose?" I assured her, that if she would come again we would produce a similar result.

Alas, these hopeful reports are not confirmed by the post-war analysis.

Later in the afternoon of Nov. 23 the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, on patrol between Iceland and the Faroes, sighted an enemy warship which closed her rapidly. She believed the stranger to be the pocket battleship Deutschland and reported according to the pocket battleship Deutschland and

between us and with Admiral Toin Phillips, who was also there. "I take full responsibility," I said, "as was my duty. "No, it is mine," said Pound. We wrung each other's hands in lively distress. Hardened as we both were in war, it is not possible to sustain such blows without the most bitter pangs.

But it proved to be nobody's fault. Eight hours later it appeared that the Norfolk was the ship involved and that she was undamaged. She had not encountered any U-boats, but said that an air bomb had fallen close by.

However, Captain Prien was no braggart. What the Norfolk thought to be an air bomb from a clouded sky was in fact a German torpedo, which had narrowly missed its target and exploded in the ship's wake. Peering through the periscope Prien had seen the great unheaved water, blotting out the ship from his gaze. He dived to avoid an expected salvo. When, after half an hour, no rose for another peep, the visibility was poor and no cruiser was to be seen. Hence his report.

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SUCCESSFUL TEST OF ATOMIC WEAPONS

Washington, May 17.

The White House said today that the recent atomic weapons test "was successful in all respects and indicated very substantial progress." The White House statement said the tests involved three atomic weapons.

The White House statement was issued after an oral report by the Atomic Energy Commission on the recent atomic tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

It said: "The first series of the tests are now completed. The Commission reported that the tests, involving three atomic weapons, each of improved design, were successful in all respects, and that the results indicate very substantial progress."

"The President gave general approval of the Commission's plans for the steps it proposed to initiate at once for further nuclear development, based upon information gained from the tests."

The statement said the tests were made under the security provisions of the Atomic Energy Act and the scientific and technical results could not at present be made public.

It added that statements of acknowledging personnel services would be made by the military and scientific leaders on their return to Honolulu tomorrow.

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After a meeting of the Commission with the President, Mr. Lillenthal, head of the Commission, said: "We report in some detail on the results of the tests which are a mile stone in atomic development."

The Commission's report was mainly concerned with the recent atom tests at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

Further statements by scientists would be made when the joint

U.S. Could Put On The Screws

Washington, May 17.

The United States will "require" Marshall Plan countries to consider devaluing their currencies if she considers this necessary, the National Advisory Council—chief American economic policy-making body—said here today.

In a report sent to Congress by President Harry S. Truman the Council said: "The United States would "require" these countries to work out devaluation with the 46-nation World Monetary Fund.

This will be called for whenever the Council "believes that a country's exchange rates are imposing an unjustifiable burden on its balance of payments."

The United States could apparently compel devaluation by threatening to cut off Marshall Plan aid.

The British Pound, now valued at slightly over four American dollars, was regarded as one of the European currencies vulnerable to a devaluation move. Inter-France and Italy both have taken steps in recent months to devalue their currencies in relation to the United States dollar.—Reuter.

Marshall To See President

Washington, May 17. President Truman arranged a conference with Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, today when the Palestine problem and the embargo on arms to Israel were expected to be discussed.

Mr. Charles Ross, Presidential Press Secretary, said today the arms embargo issue was "still under consideration." Clinton, widespread popular support for Truman's action, in sending a file of telegrams one foot high had been received at the White House over the weekend, praising the President's initiative.

The Arab Office here announced "with regret" today that it has closed down its information agency in the United States.—Reuter.

British "Part" In War

London, May 17. Mr. E.Z. Shragi, Executive Member of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, told a crowded gathering in a London synagogue today that the war being waged in the name of Transjordan is directed by British officials with the Transjordan Army, who have "to this day not resigned their posts."

Mr. Shragi added this means that "they had to do with the planning of the invasion."

"British" has not yet stopped sending arms for the Transjordan Army, while British planes are being used by Egypt to bomb Tel Aviv and peasant Jewish settlements.—Reuter.

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CANADA TO WAIT AND SEE

Ottawa, May 17. Canada will withhold recognition of Israel until further study, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, Louis St. Laurent told Parliament today.

The Canadian Government is carefully appraising the situation, he said, adding "recognition of a new state is a matter of very serious consequence."—Associated Press.

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Leave To SpeakA Frog In A
MillionAngela Camp,
California, May 17.

A sprightly frog named "Heliotrope" won the California

frog jumping championship

yesterday with a leap of 11

feet, five inches, before a

crowd of 10,000 frog lovers.

The group of University of

California students who entered

Heliotrope in the contest

said: "We only caught him

on Saturday and had no

opportunity to train him.

He's a frog in a million." The

students will share the prize

of \$200.—Reuter.

Lovely
But Moon
Drunk

London, May 17.

Alec Tindal, 31, pleaded innocent at the Cambridge Assizes court today to the strangulation murder of his 22-year-old wife, whom his mother described as "lovely to look at but moon drunk."

Prosecutor Gilbert Beyfus charged that Tindal strangled his wife Frances after she threatened to take their baby and leave him.

Beyfus introduced an alleged statement by Tindal saying: "I couldn't stand it any longer. I just found myself on the couch. The baby was crying."

After Tindal had pleaded his mother told the court:

"I wanted to love her. She is so lovely, to look at when she is all right, but when she is not all right she is like someone moon drunk."

Questioned by the court when her late daughter-in-law was most affected, Mrs. Tindal said: "Moon times. I drend moon times."—United Press.

Elizabeth Visits
Fontainebleau

Paris, May 17.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh left the bright boulevards of Paris behind them today and drove under cloudless skies to the forest town and palace of Fontainebleau—the hunting ground of French kings and the scene of Napoleon's abdication.

On their 45-mile drive out of Paris, they passed, for the first time, through one of the poorer quarters, where workers turned out to watch them pass.

After their late night club visit, from which they went home at two o'clock in the morning, they had a refreshing outing with few formalities for their last complete day in France.

For lunch, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke drove five miles to Earlbizon, on the edge of the forest, associated with memories of the British author, Robert Louis Stevenson, and the painter of the "Angelus," Jean Francois Millet.

Twelve people sat down to lunch with them at Les Charmettes restaurant. Roast chicken with peas was the main dish, and a saxophonist played for the Princess and her husband.

The restaurant proprietor, who sold the Princess had asked not to be segregated from the other diners, remonstrated with the police, who insisted that she should be.

Arguments ensued over the heads of the customers, who had policemen stationed at their elbows.

After a leisurely lunch, the couple drove to the Chateau of Vaux-le-Comte, where they were received by Madame Sommier, wife of one of France's biggest sugar manufacturers.

The Princess had tea with leading French personalities and then drove around the grounds of the castle.—Reuter.

"Come Back"

Paris, May 17.

Thousands of Parisians, shouting "Come back soon," crowded the Place de l'Opera tonight to catch a last glimpse of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, who will fly back to London tomorrow morning.

Princess Elizabeth has pleased Parisians, from grey-haired statesmen to night club porters, with her attractive clothes, her excellent French and her royal grace.

The royal car, because it was delayed by cheering crowds, was almost an hour late this evening on the return drive to Paris from Fontainebleau.

Whit Monday picnic parties in the forest of Vincennes, the bank holiday resort for workers living in the east of Paris, cheered as the Royal pair drove by.—Reuter.

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PALESTINE ARMS EMBARGO
"Anything May Happen," Says Washington
Mr. Truman Awaits Clarification

Washington, May 17.

President Truman will probably wait for clarification of the Palestine problem in the Security Council before deciding whether to lift the embargo on arms shipments to Israel, American officials said here today.

These officials conceded, however, that there was no definite assurance the White House would, in fact, wait that length of time.

In view of the recent surprising and unexpected turns in the United States policy on Palestine, it was recognised that "anything might happen" and no forecast was really safe.

This was especially so because many American officials were

caught unaware by Mr. Truman's recognition of Israel last week and the same officials may not be fully informed today of the plans on the arms embargo.

These were the factors which appeared to indicate no immediate action by the White House.

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1.—The Security Council is taking up the questions raised by the invasion of Palestine by the Arab States and any United States action might be taken to preclude the course of that debate;

2.—The State Department is not yet in possession of official information on the extent and scale of the Arab invasion.

They are, therefore, unable immediately to determine the true nature of the threat to Israel.

On the other hand, are these factors:

1.—The United States already recognises the de facto rights of the Tel Aviv Government and is therefore bound to recognise an invasion of its territory as aggression within the meaning of the United Nations Charter.

2.—The original reason for the embargo—to preserve peace while an attempt was made to arrange partition—is now no longer valid.

3.—Strong Congressional and press attempts are being made to persuade President Truman to lift the embargo in favour of Israel immediately.

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If, as is generally accepted, domestic political considerations were an important factor in his decision to recognise the new State, the same considerations could have an equal validity in respect of the arms embargo.

A lifting of the arms ban would apparently meet with broad public favour here.

One of the few voices raised against it was that of Congressman John M. Vorys (Republican, Ohio), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who said: "The United States should not furnish arms in a manner which would cause this country to take sides in a holy war."

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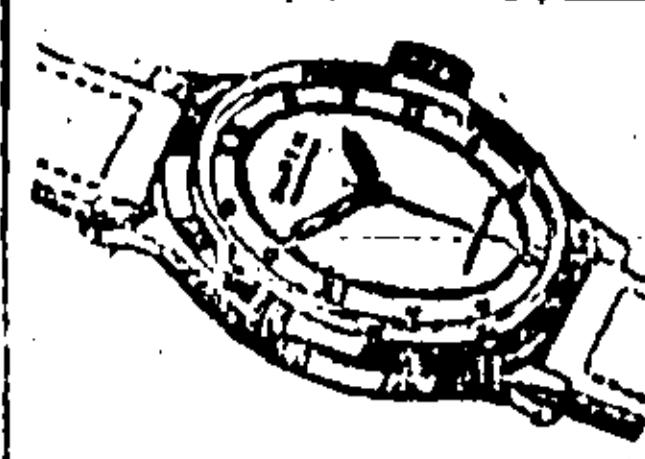
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ESSEX FAILS DISMALLY AGAINST AUSTRALIA

Southend, May 17.

The Australian cricket tourists defeated Essex by an innings and 451 runs in their match here today.

The final scores were: Australians 721; Essex 83 and 187.

The Essex batsmen failed dismally against the Australian attack today, when they faced a total of 721, a record total, and had not been for a seventh wicket stand of 131 in the second innings between Tom Pearce and Peter Smith, they would have been beaten by an even larger margin. Pearce made a brilliant 71 and Smith 54.

In the first innings the batsmen could do little against the Australian bowlers, who took three wickets for 14 runs, and the only other batsman bowler, Toshack, who accounted for five wickets for 31 runs.

Ian Johnson, bowling for the first time in the game, immediately beat Cary, who played outside an off spinner at 24, when Bradman brought him on.

The next five Essex wickets then fell in three quarters of an hour for 22 runs. Avery fell at forward short-leg at 32, Vigor having a "pair" and Dodds, having stayed an hour and a quarter for 16, was bowled mid-wicket stump by Toshack.

Ian Johnson disposed of Horsfall and Ray Smith with successive balls at 46 and at this stage the Victorian off-spinner had obtained four wickets at the cost of nine runs.

The Essex captain, Pearce, partnered by Peter Smith, then passed their previous total and when tea was taken, they had put on 44 for the seventh wicket without being parted.

Just when the Australians seemed assured of a swift success Pearce and Smith dramatically checked them with a gallant century stand. Nothing that had happened earlier gave an indication that Essex was capable of such a rally.

Steadfast Defence

Pearce and Smith came together with six wickets down for 46 runs and by steadfast defence and later by courageous hitting more than held their own against the changes made by Bradman, and the 16,000 crowd gave them a tremendous reception when their partnership reached three figures in 70 minutes.

They actually put on 131 runs in 145 minutes before Ian Johnson ended the stand by taking a stiff return from Pearce, who cut and drove with zest in a stay of 90 minutes. He hit seven fours.

Smith resisted the tourists for another two hours, in scoring his 100, Johnson, who blighted all off spinners most deceptively into a stiff breeze, took six wickets for 37 runs in the second innings.

Australians—1st Innings—721
Essex—1st Innings—83

ESSEX—SECOND INNINGS

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Vigor c. Ian Johnson b. Toshack
Horsfall b. Ian Johnson
Ray Smith c. Ring b. Ian Johnson
Pearce and b. Ian Johnson
Peter Smith b.w. b. Barnes
Ring not out
Bailey absent, hurt
Extras
Total
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-32, 3-35, 4-36, 5-46, 6-46, 7-177, 8-183 and 9-187.

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.
Miller 2 1 4
Loxton 12 3 28 0
Bill Johnson 10 4 20 0
Ian Johnson 21 6 37 0
Barnes 0 5 11 1
Ring 7 3 14 0
Byes 6; leg-byes 3 and no balls 0.—Reuter.

Football Crowds Committee

Appointment of a sub-committee to consider choosing a ground able to accommodate all spectators at important representative games, and the adoption of suggested alterations to the Rules of the Hong Kong Football Association were the main business at the meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council held yesterday.

Alterations to the rules included the recommendation of the special committee of seven which sat during the summer.

It was decided that a telegram of good wishes be sent to the Chinese Olympic football team on their arrival in England.

A letter was read from Mr. McEvoy, Hon. Secretary of the School Football League, thanking the Association for all it had done for school football this season.

The following were appointed to the sub-committee to consider the accommodation question: Lt.-Col. Venis (Chairman), Messrs. R.M. Orr, A. Macalpine, Clarke, Mok-hing, A.S.P. Clunie of the Eastern District and an official of the Public Works department to be appointed later.

England Wins World Hockey

Amsterdam, May 17.

England's women have again proved themselves supreme in women's hockey by winning the world international festival which ended here today when they beat Holland in the final by one goal to nil.

Scotland and Ireland, who reached the semi-final on Saturday, played for third and fourth places today and Scotland were judged winners of the match because they had the greater number of penalty corners in a two goals all draw.

They thus secured third place.

Teams from many continental countries as well as a side from the United States took part in the festival.—Reuter.

Inter-School Basketball

More than 500 saw St. Paul's College score a 34-22 win over La Salle's last night in the play-off for the Inter-school Basketball League "A" Division champion in the Chinese YMCA gymnasium.

St. Paul's junior team won the "B" division a fortnight ago.

In the curtain raiser to last night's game, Queen's College beat Put Kiu School 72-22, and Fong Lum won on forfeit from the Kowloon English College.

Prisoners' Application For Appeal Rejected

A Full Court comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), yesterday dismissed an application by Yip Yee, Yau Kan alias Yau Shu, Wong Yiu-wah alias Wong Tsai and Cheung Ping-wo, for leave to appeal against their conviction by a jury at the March Criminal Sessions on charges of armed robbery.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Crown. The accused were not legally represented.

Yip Yee and Yau Kan alias Yip Shu were found guilty by the jury on two charges of armed robbery and sentenced to 11 years hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

The application for leave to appeal was therefore dismissed.

Yip Yee and Wong Yiu-wah alias Wong Tsai were found guilty on one charge only, and sentenced to nine years hard labour and 12 strokes, while Cheung Ping-wo received a sentence of ten years' hard labour and 12 strokes.

After it had been explained to the court that their case had been put before the jury, Yip Yee and Cheung asked the Court to give them a lighter sentence.

Yip asked that he be given leave to engage Counsel.

Mr. Justice Williams told Yip and Cheung that the Court could not interfere with the sentence passed unless it was manifestly clear that such a

result was not the case.

The agenda includes the Budget for 1948 and the election of Officers and Executive Committee Members. The Speaker will be the Bishop of the Rt. Rev. R. C. Hall and his subject "Life in Work in Rural Churches in the Canton Delta."

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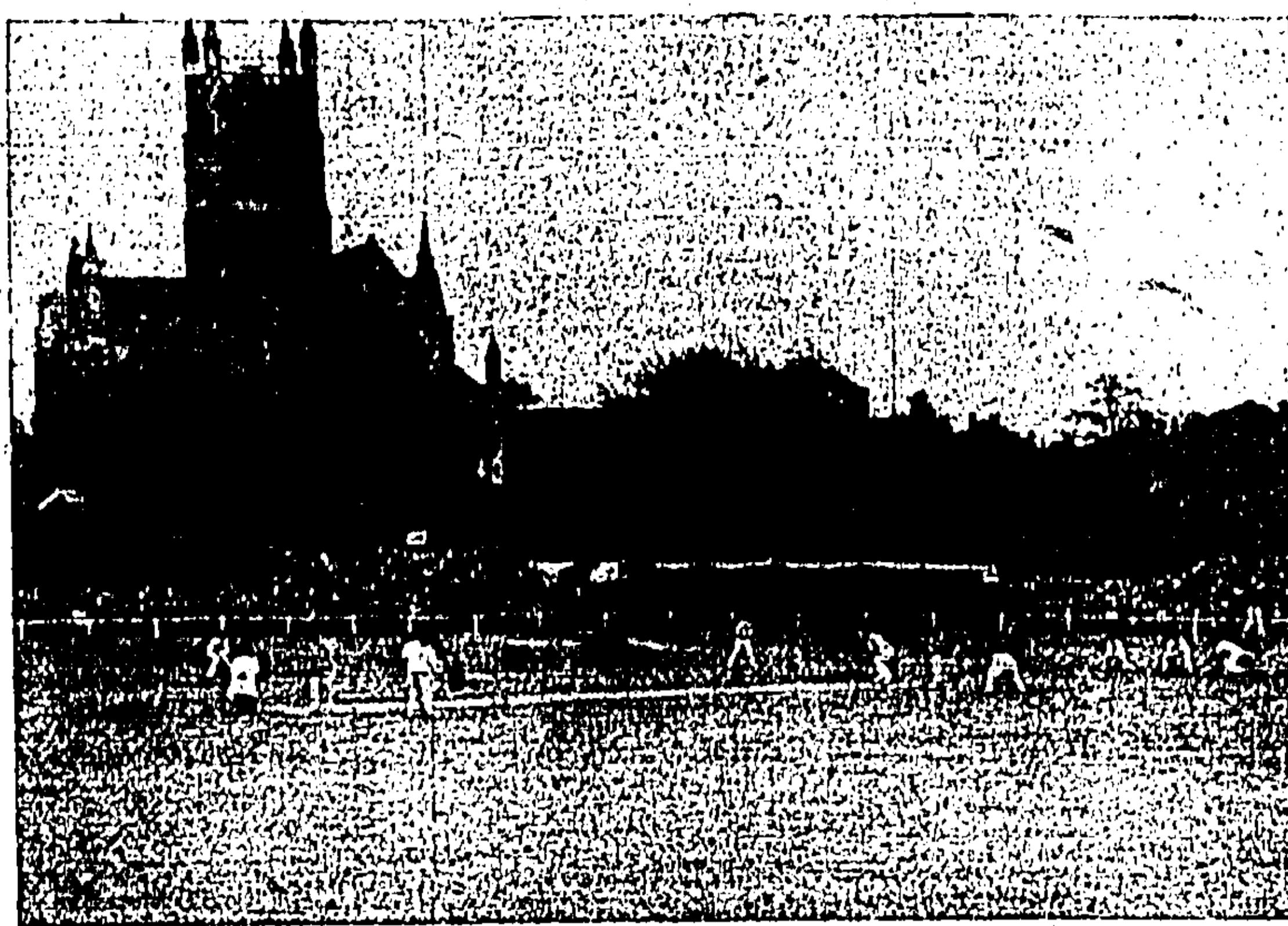
VDMA MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the VDMA will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Friday, 21st May. Tea will be served from 4.30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 5.15 p.m. and the meeting at 6.45 p.m.

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CRICKET SEASON OPENING



The English Cricket season opened at Worcester when a record crowd of 17,000 turned out to see the Australians play the first match of their tour. Picture shows E. Cooper batting with C. H. Palmer at the far end during Worcestershire's first innings.

35,000 Set A County Record At Nottingham

London, May 17.

Thousands of cricketing enthusiasts spent their Bank Holiday basking in the sun which flooded county cricket grounds throughout the country, and at least one record was set up when 35,000 packed into the Trent Bridge ground — a record for a county match at Nottingham.

There were more centurions to add to Saturday's total and today's best was Doherty of Warwickshire with 107 in four and a quarter hours. He hit 15 fours.

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Other Games

Close of play scores:

At Lords: Middlesex 392 for five; declared: Sussex 108 (C. Oakes 50, D. Compton four for 40) and 202 for four (Parks 55, John Langridge 54).

At Southampton: Kent 256 and 13 for 0, Hampshire 448 for six.

At Worcester: Warwickshire 308 (Doherty 107, Cooper seven for 103, Derbyshire 177).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 348 and 27 for one, Northamptonshire 239 (Davis 101).

At Nottingham: Surrey 418 and 12 for 0, Nottinghamshire 420 for nine declared (Keeton 104, Hardstaff 100, Sime not out 52, Squires four for 50).—Reuter.

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